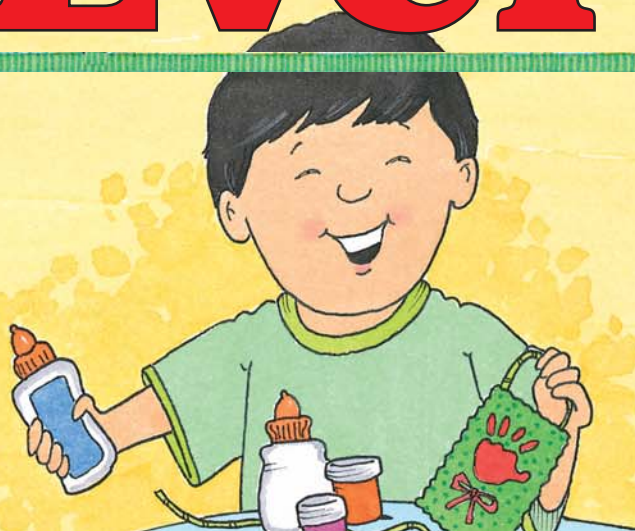


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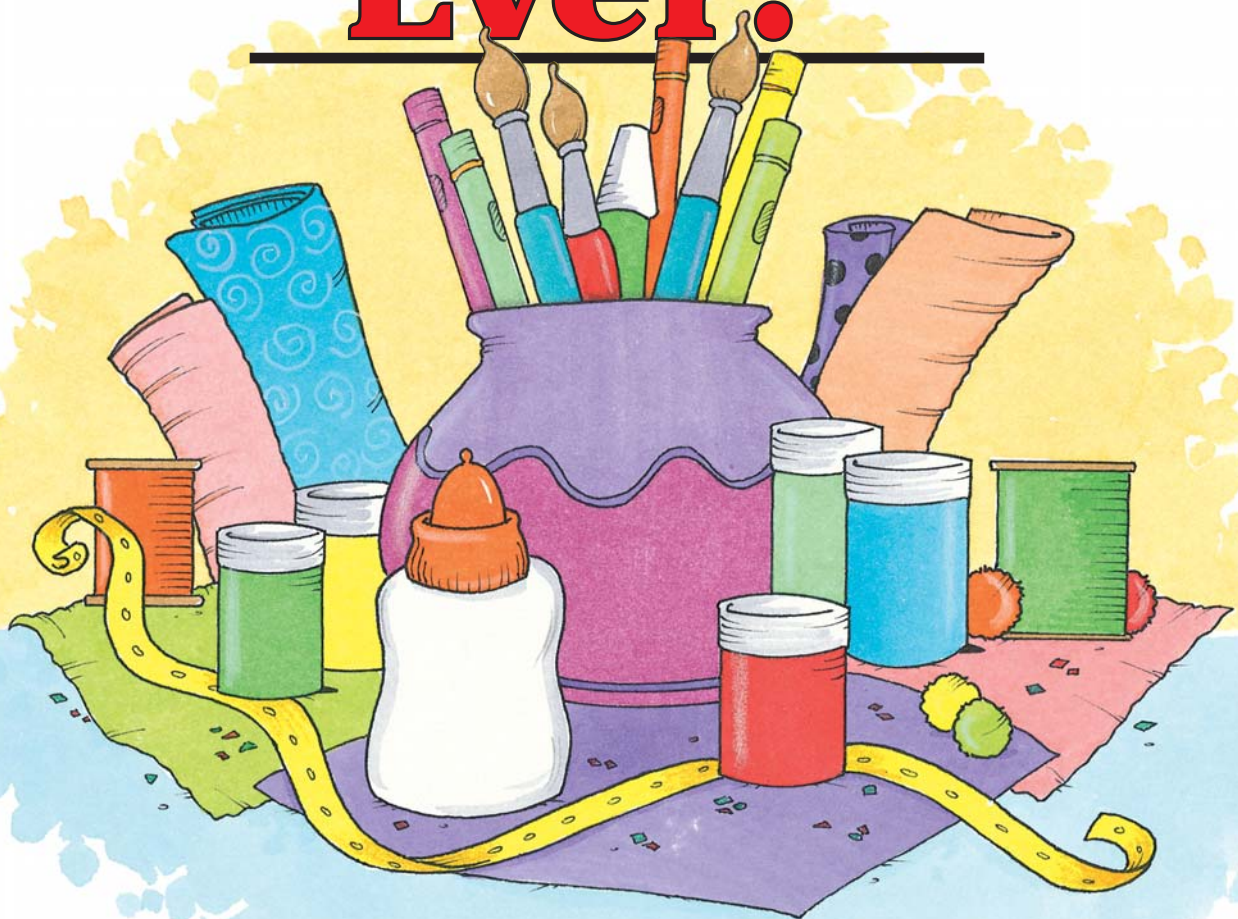
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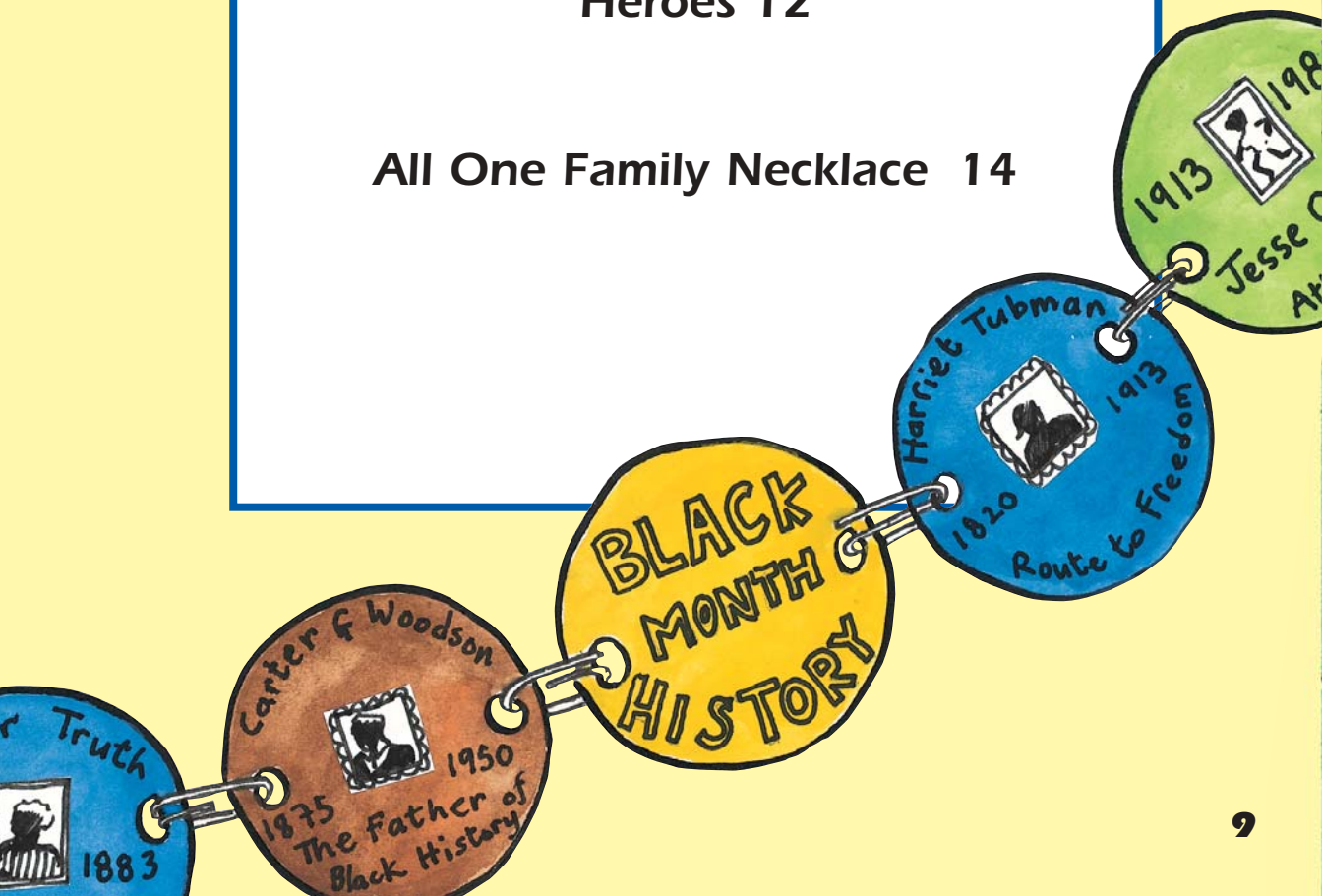


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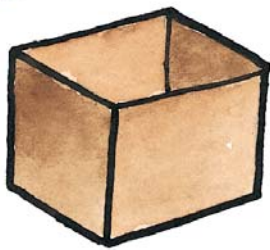
W. E. B. Du Bois (1868-1963)

W. E. B. Du Bois, a sociologist of tremendous intellect, fought for recognition of the abilities and contributions of black Americans and the equal rights they were entitled to. He is perhaps best known for his role in founding the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).



File Box of Black American Heroes

Here is what you need:



12-inch (30-cm)-
square carton



construction paper



markers



colored
plastic tape



12-inch (30-cm)-
tall cereal box

white glue

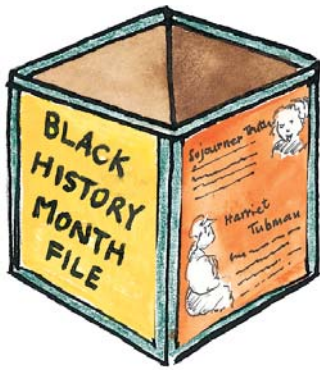


scissors

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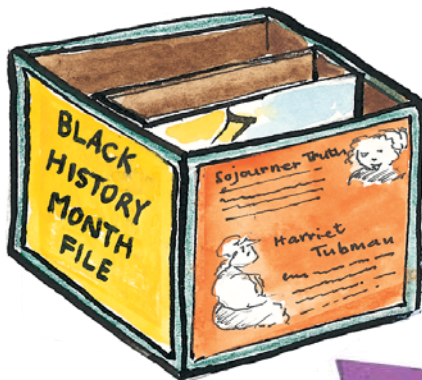
Cut a piece of construction paper to fit over each side of the carton to cover it. Use the markers to decorate the construction paper with people from black American history.



2

Glue the papers to the sides of the box to cover it. Wrap the top edge of the box with the plastic tape to give the file box a more finished look. Cut out one side of the cereal box. Glue the top of the box closed. Glue the cereal box in the center of the file box, uncut side down, to create a divider inside the box. You can create more sections in the box if you wish by adding more cereal box dividers.

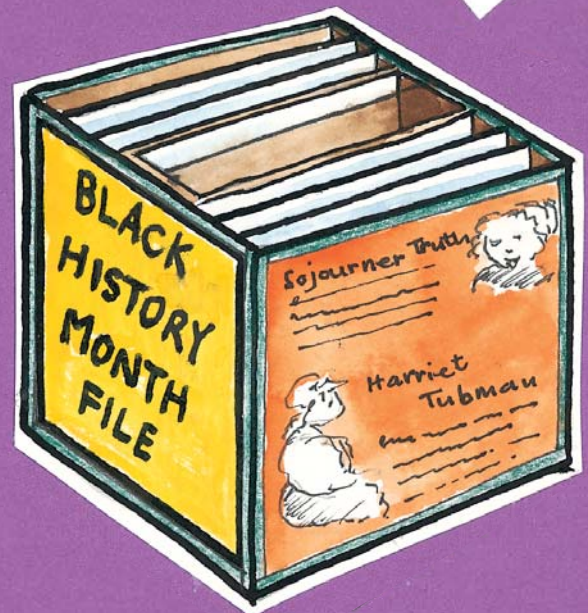
Make file folders for the file box by folding large sheets of construction paper in half.



3



Collect information about black Americans from the Web and from newspaper and magazine articles. Write the name of each person you find information about on a separate file folder. As you find new information about a person, store the papers in the correct file. Place the files in your file box in alphabetical order to allow you to locate a person quickly and easily.





CARTER G. WOODSON (1875-1950)

Carter G. Woodson has been called the “Father of Black History.” He fought to get recognition of the enormous contributions to society made by black Americans. He was responsible for establishing Black History Week in 1926. Today we celebrate Black History Month in February.

Timeline of Black American Heroes

Here is what you need:



construction
paper



cereal box
cardboard



white glue

drinking glass
to use as circle
pattern



paper
clips



ballpoint pen



small hole punch

markers or
small
pictures
printed off
the Web



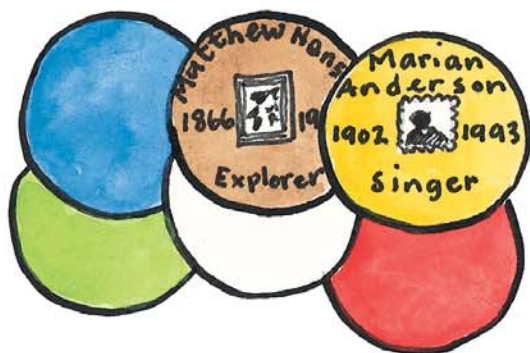
markers

Here is what you do:

1



Trace around the rim of the drinking glass on the cardboard. Cut the circle out to use as a pattern. Use the pattern to cut several circles from construction paper.



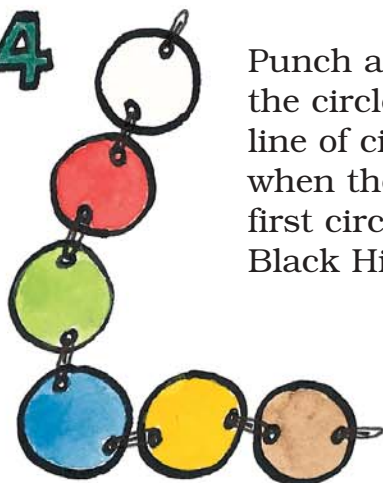
2

Write the name of a famous black American on each circle. Write down the dates of their birth and death so you will know when they lived in history.

3

Use the markers to draw a small picture of each person or print a small picture off the Web to glue on the circle. Write a small description of what the person did under the picture.

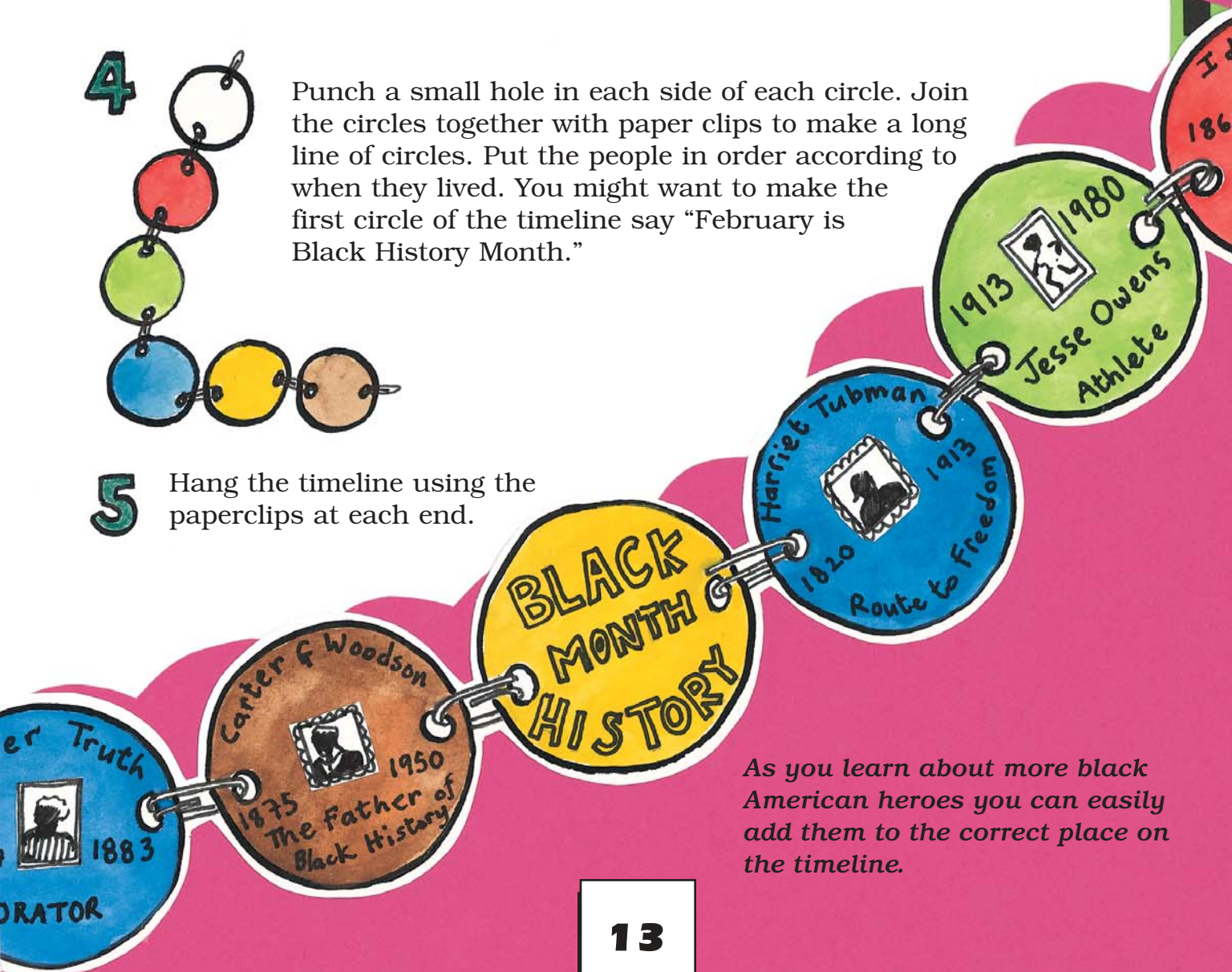
4



Punch a small hole in each side of each circle. Join the circles together with paper clips to make a long line of circles. Put the people in order according to when they lived. You might want to make the first circle of the timeline say "February is Black History Month."

5

Hang the timeline using the paperclips at each end.



As you learn about more black American heroes you can easily add them to the correct place on the timeline.

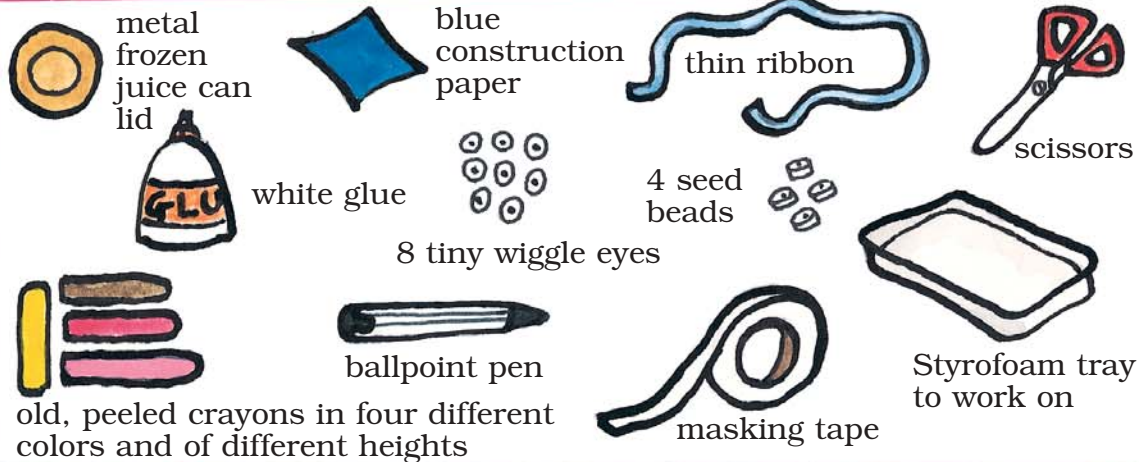


MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. (1929-1968)

Martin Luther King Jr., a minister and the most influential civil rights leader of modern history, wanted a country where people of all colors lived together as brothers and sisters.

All One Family Necklace

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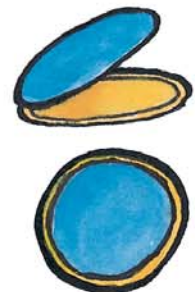


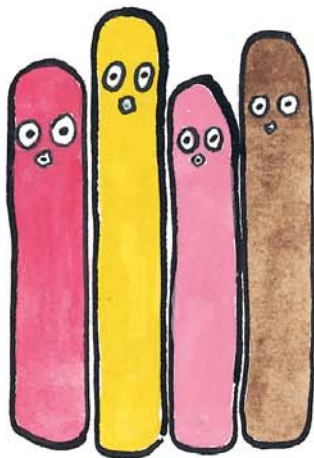
Here is what you do:

1



Trace around the metal lid on the blue paper. Cut the paper circle out. Cover one side of the lid with some strips of masking tape to create a stronger gluing surface. Glue the paper to the tape-covered side of the lid. Use the pen to write "All One Family" across the top of the paper circle.

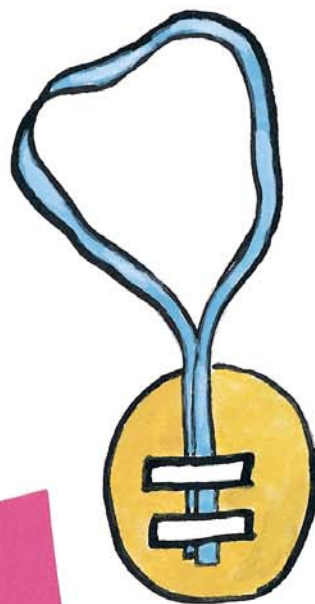




2 Glue the four crayons, side-by-side, to the paper-covered lid to represent four different people.

3 Give each crayon a face by gluing on two tiny wiggly eyes and a seed bead nose.

4 Cut a 2-foot (60-cm) length of ribbon. Glue the two ends of the ribbon to the back of the lid to make a necklace. Secure the ribbon with masking tape.



Wear your necklace on January 15, the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. and a national holiday.



Valentine's Day

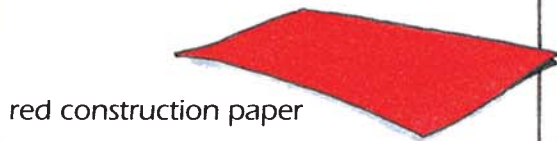
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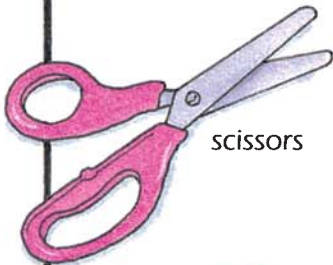


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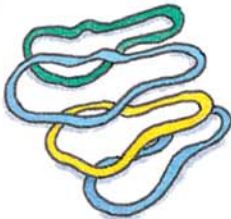
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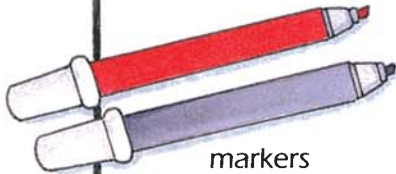
red construction paper



scissors



four large rubber bands



markers



white glue



newspaper
to work on

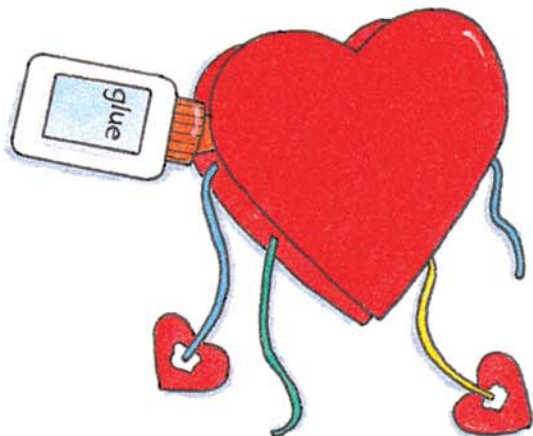
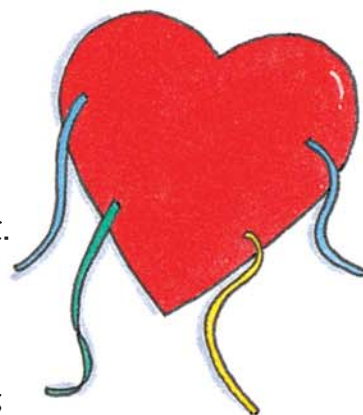
Here is what you do:

- 1.** Cut two hearts of the same size from red construction paper. Make them bigger than your hand. Cut four 1-inch (2.5-centimeter) hearts from the red paper for the puppet's hands and feet.





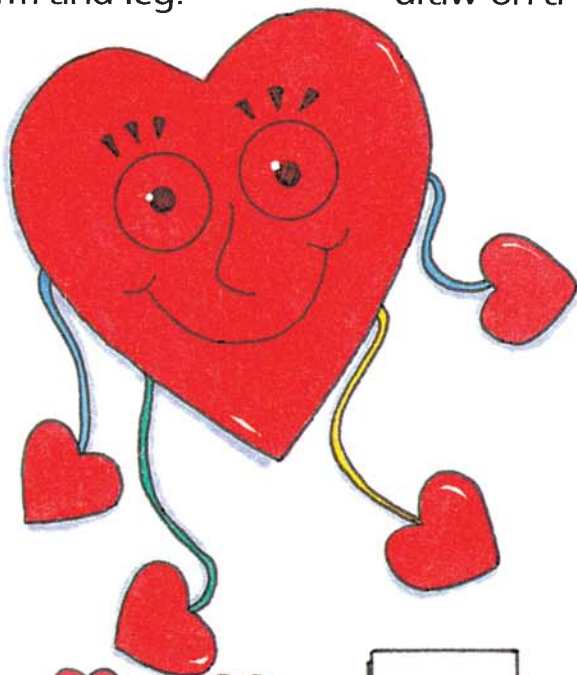
2. Cut each of the rubber bands so that they form long elastic strings. Glue the rubber bands to the sides and bottom of one of the large hearts to form the arms and the legs of the puppet.



3. Glue the tops of the two large hearts together with the ends of the rubber bands between them. Leave the bottom part open to slip your hand in.

4. Glue a small heart to the end of each elastic arm and leg.

5. When the puppet has dried completely, draw on a face with markers.



This happy heart puppet loves to swing its arms and legs around.

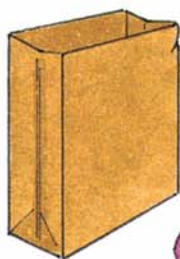




Valentine Mail Vest

This vest has a pocket for collecting all your valentine mail.

Here is what you need:



brown
grocery bag



scissors



white glue

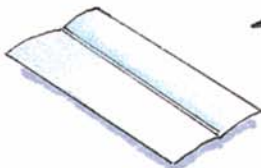
red
poster
paint



paintbrush



pencil

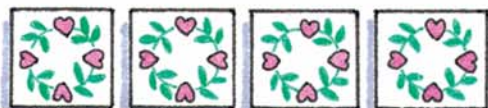
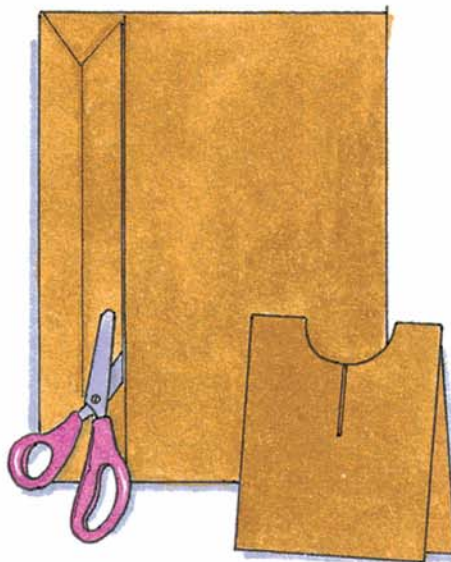


white tissue

Here is what you do:

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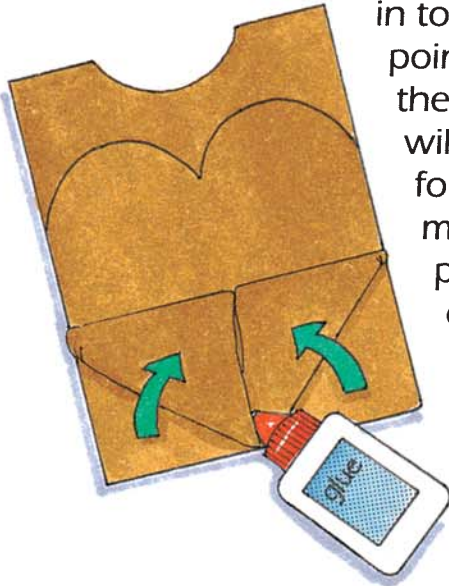
Cut the bag along the seam. Then cut the bottom out so that you have a long strip of brown paper. Fold the strip in half and cut a neck hole at the fold and a 4-inch (10-centimeter) slit down the back. The bag should now fit over your head like a vest, with half the bag in front of you and half in back of you.





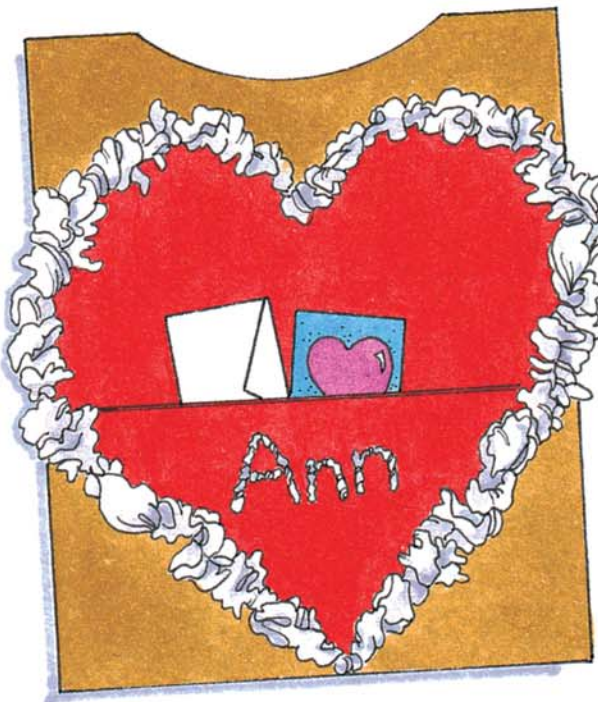
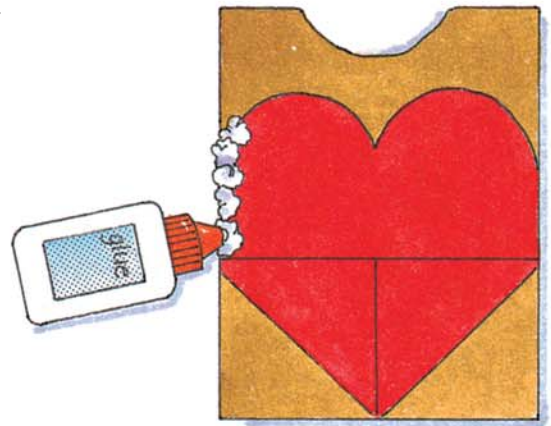
2.

Fold the two front, bottom corners of the bag up and in to form the bottom point of a heart. Glue them together. This will form the pocket for your valentine mail. Sketch the top part of the heart on the vest. Then paint the entire heart red.

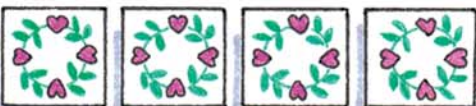


3.

When the paint has dried, outline the heart with white glue and stick bits of shredded tissue around it to look like lace.



You can use the glue and shredded tissue to write your name on the front of the heart if you wish.

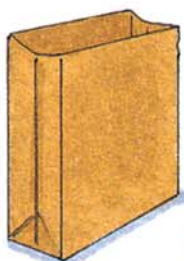




Happy Heart Mailbag

If you are expecting lots and lots of valentines, this happy heart mailbag is the one for you.

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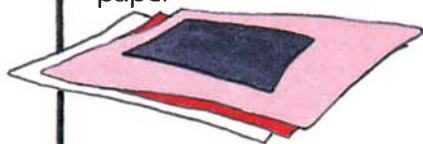


brown grocery bag

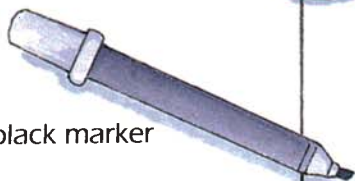


scissors

red, black, white, and pink construction paper



white glue

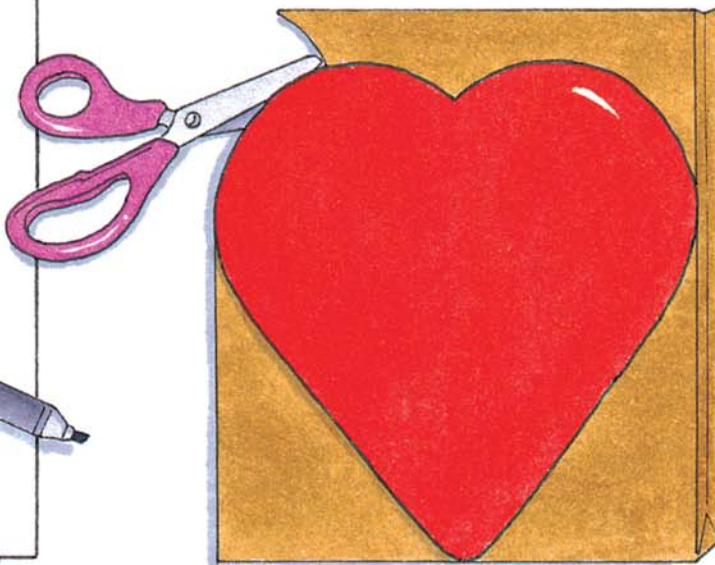


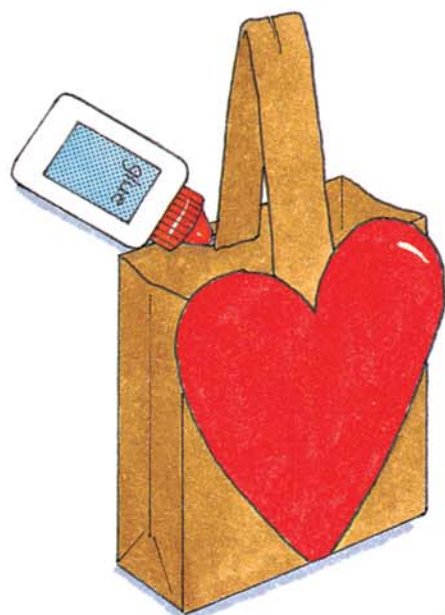
black marker

Here is what you do:

1.

From red construction paper, cut a heart as wide as the bag and about two thirds as tall as the bag. Glue the heart to the front of the bag. Trim the top of the bag off around the top of the heart.



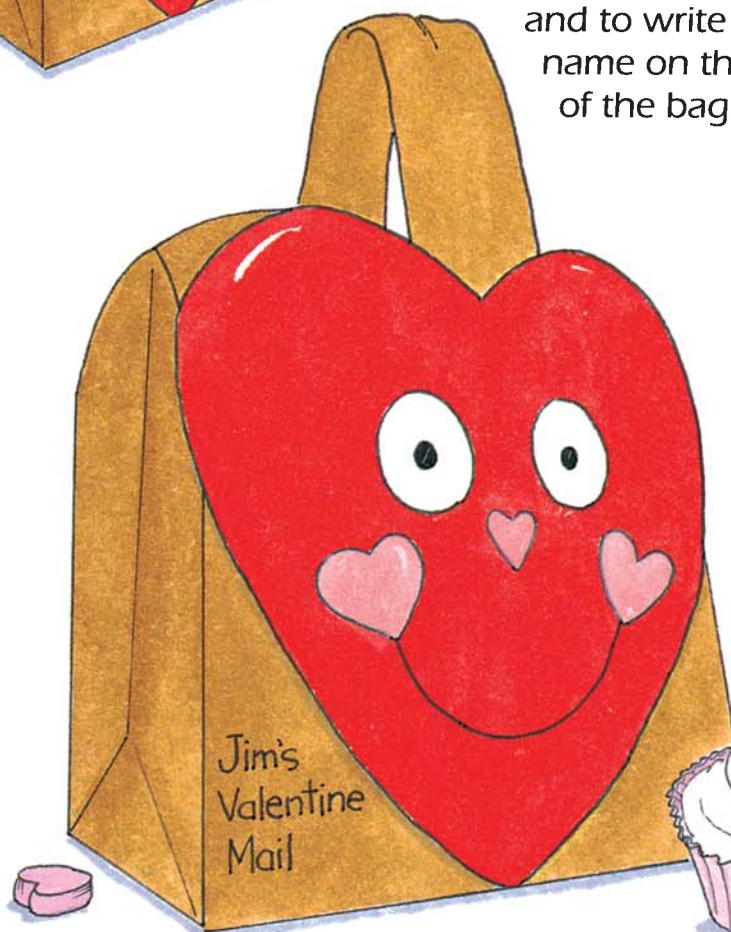


2.

Cut a strip of paper from the trimmed-off piece to make a handle for the heart bag. Glue the two ends of the handle to the inside top of the bag at the front and back.

3.

Cut a face for your heart from colored paper, and glue it in place. Use a black marker to give your heart a big smile and to write your name on the front of the bag.

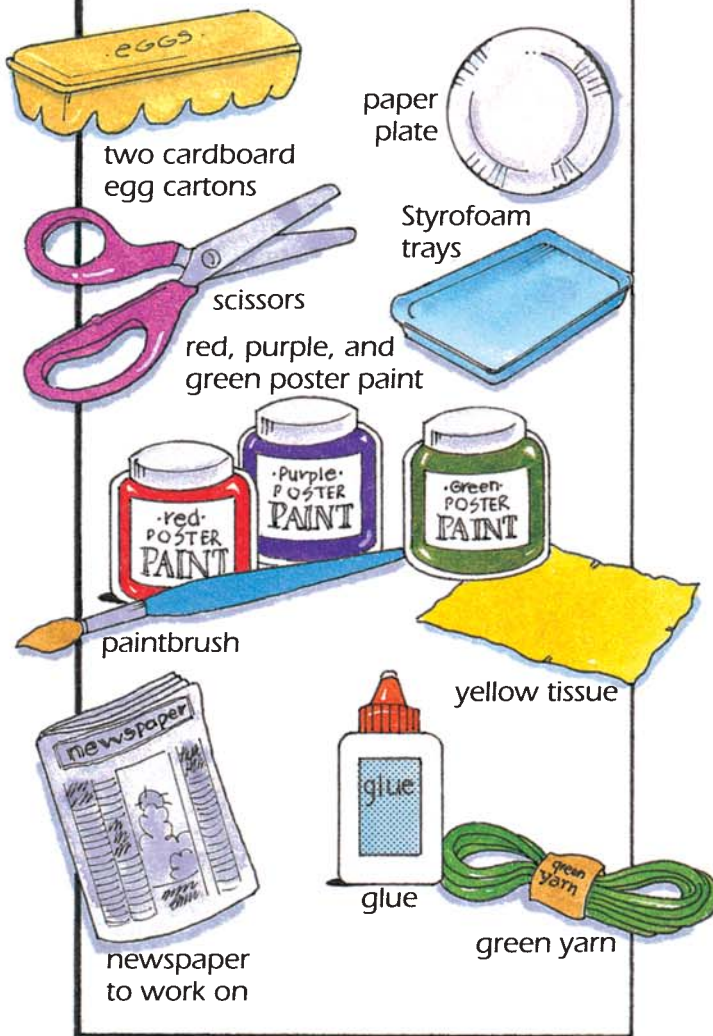


This bag has plenty of room for your valentine mail and any extra cookies or favors you might get.



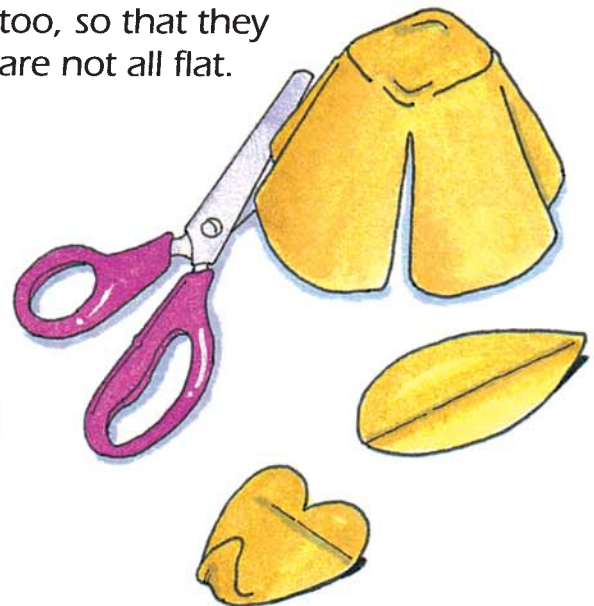
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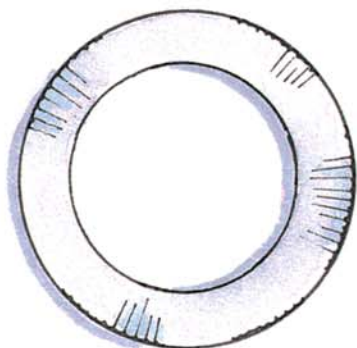
Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

1. Cut eight cups from an egg carton. Cut four slits around each cup to make them look like flowers. Cut sixteen leaves from the tops of the egg cartons. If you cut some of them from the bend in the top, they will have a nice curved look. Cut eight hearts from the tops. Cut some of these on the bend, too, so that they are not all flat.



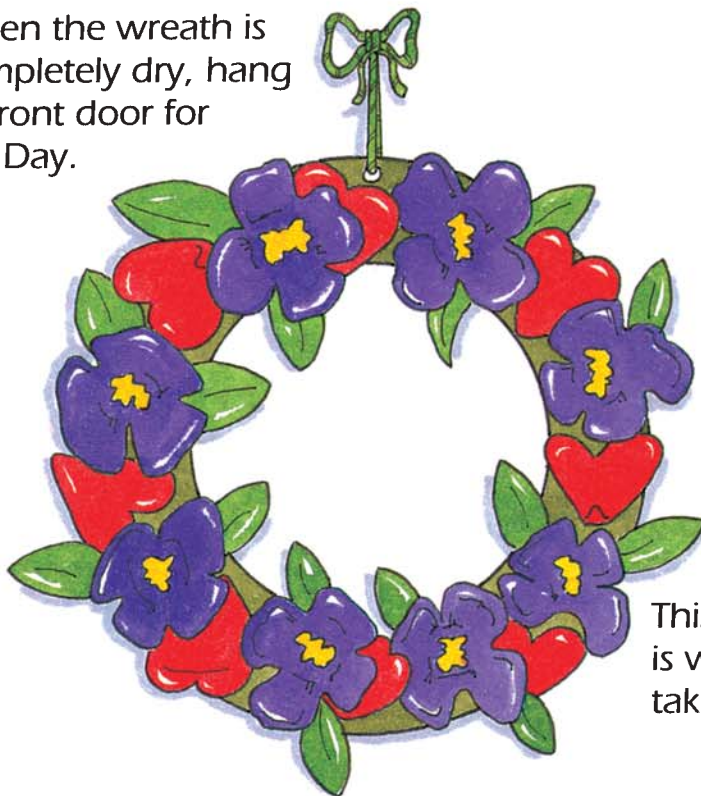


2. Cut the center out of a paper plate to make a wreath frame. Paint the wreath green. Paint the leaves green, the flowers purple, and the hearts red. Put everything on Styrofoam trays to dry.

3. Tie a piece of green yarn to the top of the wreath, to make a hanger. Spread glue on the frame and arrange the flowers around the wreath, with two leaves under each flower and a heart in between each flower. Crumple a small piece of yellow tissue to glue in the center of each flower.



4. When the wreath is completely dry, hang it on your front door for Valentine's Day.



This beautiful wreath is worth the time it takes to make.

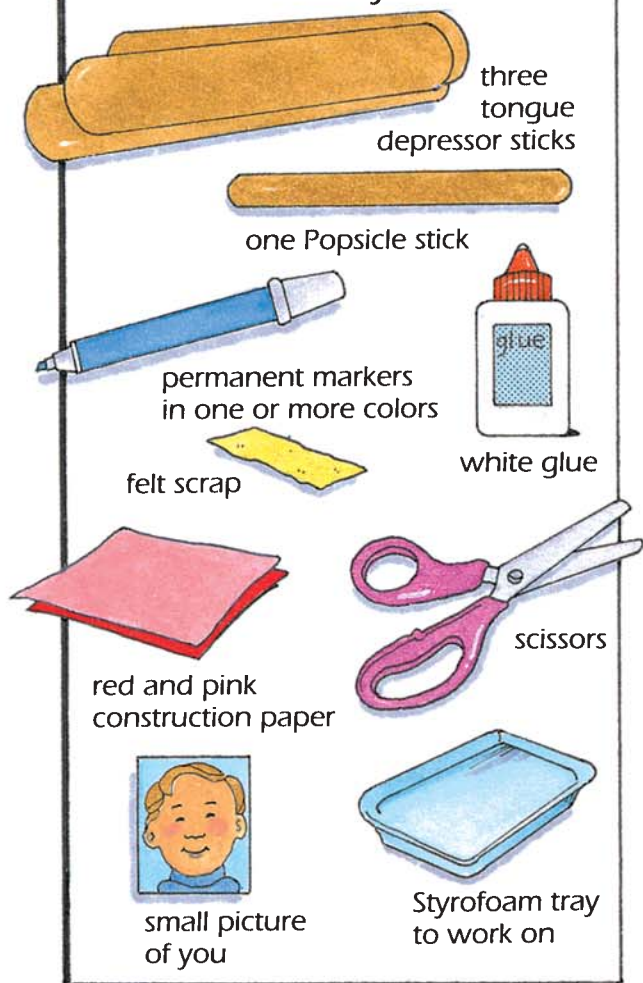




Valentine Picture Easel

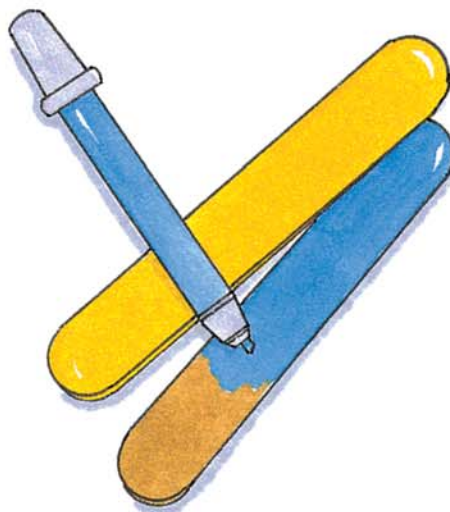
This picture easel is like giving a little bit of yourself for a valentine. I bet you know someone who would like that!

Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

1. Color all the sticks on both sides with permanent markers.



2. Glue the ends of two tongue depressor sticks together to form an upside down V.

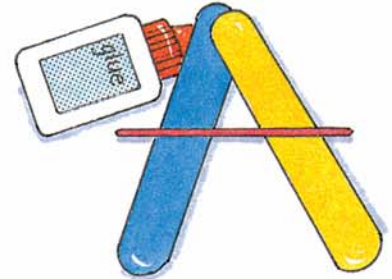




Glue the Popsicle stick across the middle to form a ledge. Let the glue dry.

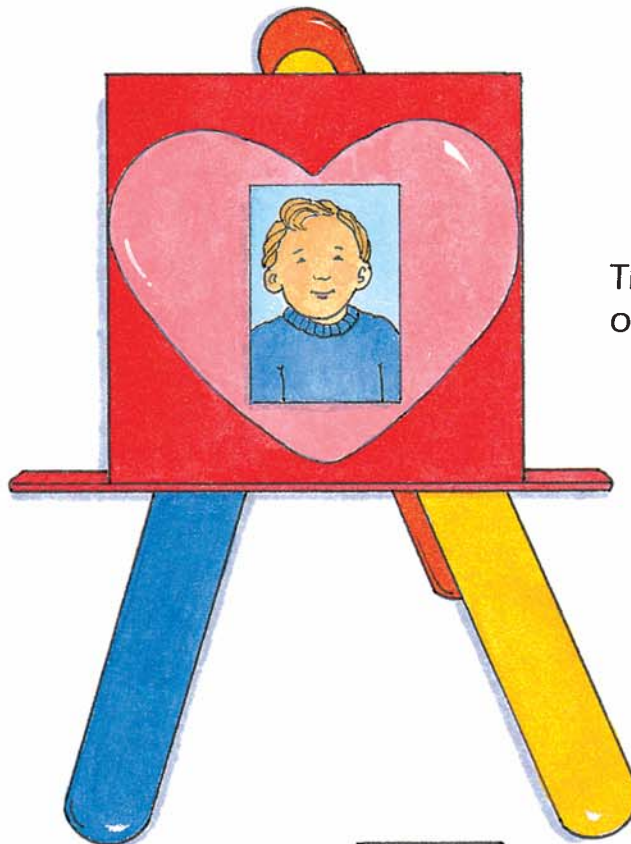
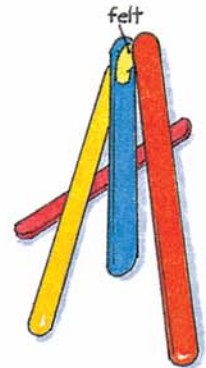
3.

Cut a small hinge of felt. Glue one end to the top back of the two joined sticks, and glue the other end to the end of the last stick. Let the glue dry. The easel will now stand up if you carefully balance the back stick.



4.

Cut a square of red paper to fit on the front of the easel. Cut a pink heart to fit on the red square and glue it in place. Glue your picture in the middle of the heart. Glue the red square to the front of the easel.



This would look very nice on your Dad's desk.

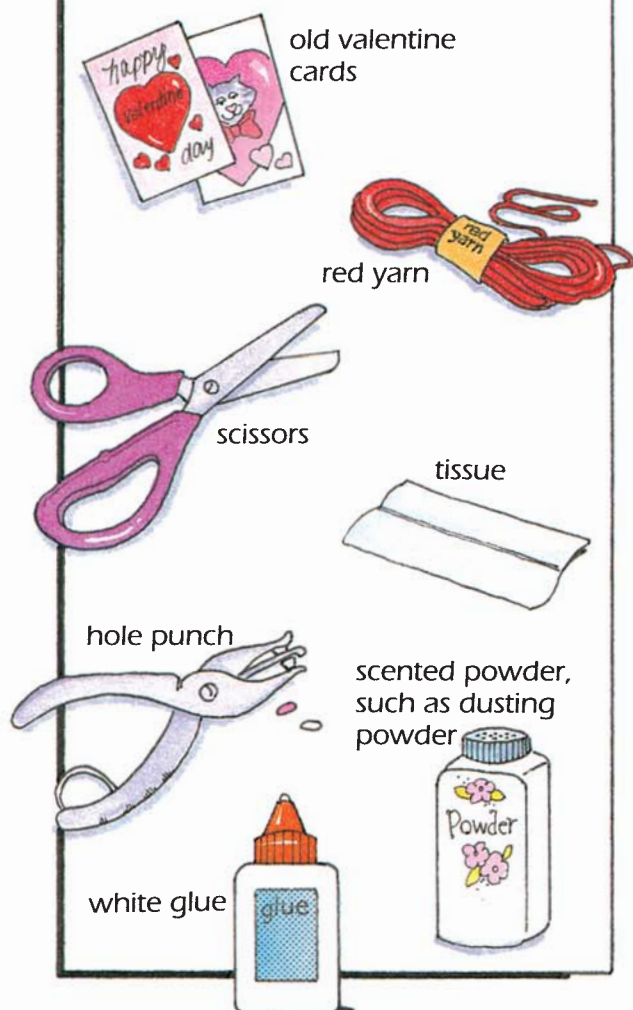




Hanger Heart Sachets

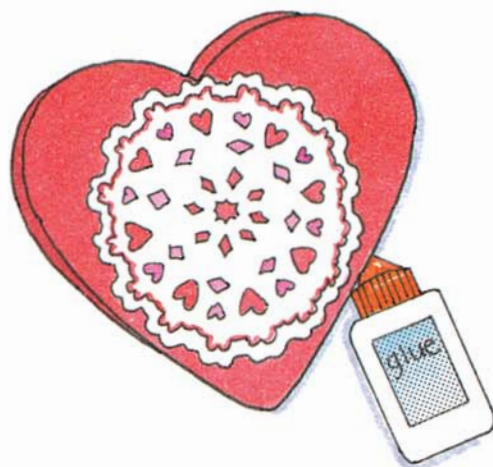
What smells so pretty?

Here is what you need:



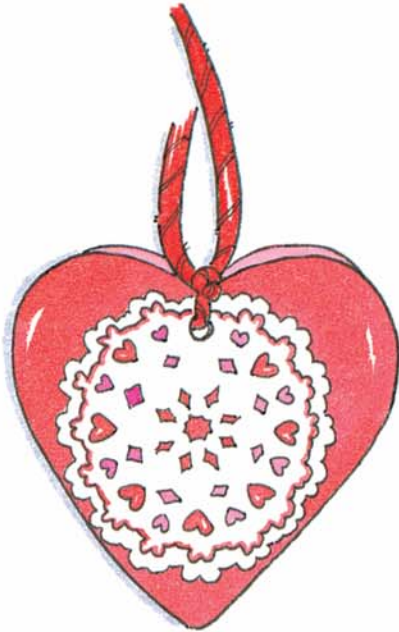
Here is what you do:

1. Cut two identical hearts from two cards.

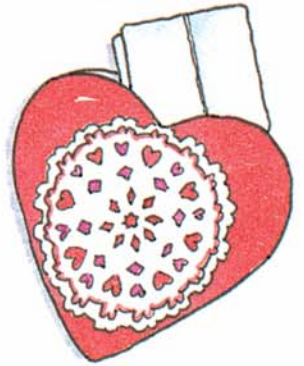


2. Glue the sides and bottom of the hearts together with the pictures on the outside. Let the glue dry.





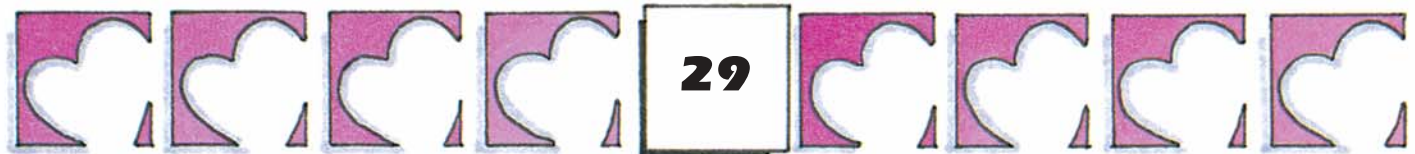
3. Wrap some powder in a tissue, and tuck it inside the pocket formed by the two hearts.



4. Punch a hole through the tops of the hearts, and string a piece of red yarn through the holes. Tie the yarn to pull the tops of the two hearts together. Then tie the ends of the yarn together to form a loop to hang the heart sachet from.



Hang a heart sachet on a hanger in your closet to make your clothes smell very nice. Heart sachets also make great gifts.



Heart Photo Locket

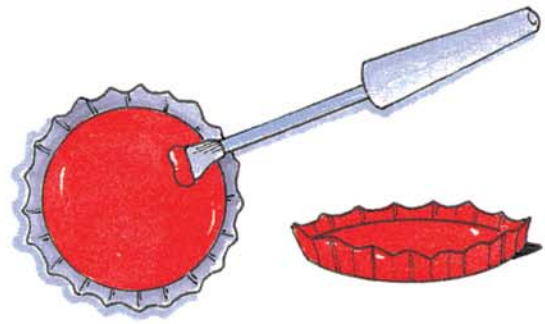
Make your Mom a surprise locket.
The surprise is a picture of you!

Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

1. Paint both sides of both bottle caps with red nail polish. Let the polish dry completely before continuing.



2. Cut a small strip of red felt. Glue one end inside each cap to form a hinge that will allow the caps to close to form a locket.



3.

Glue a circle of red felt inside one cap and a picture of you, cut to fit, inside the other cap. Close the locket and glue a tiny heart cut from pink felt to the outside.



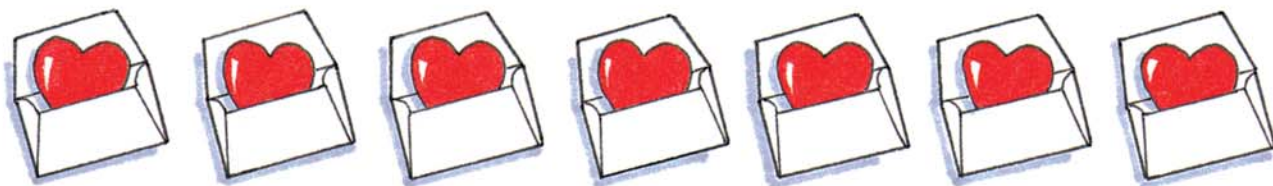
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When the glue has dried, tie a piece of red yarn around the hinge of the locket. Then tie the two ends together to form a necklace.



When someone asks your Mom who made her pretty necklace, she can open it up and show them.

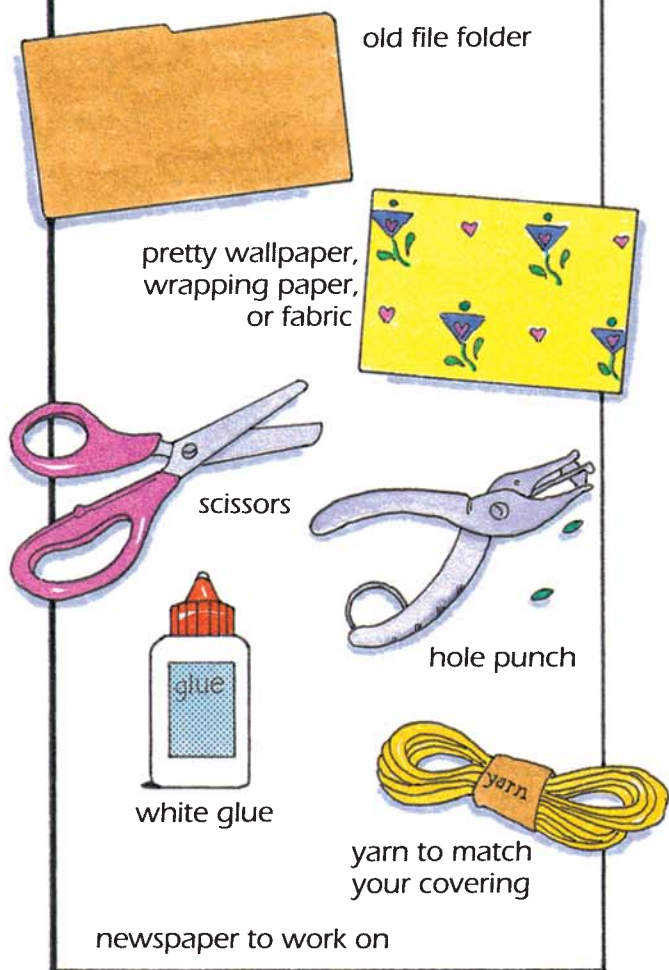




File Folder Letter Keeper

This pocket file is just right for saving special letters and cards.

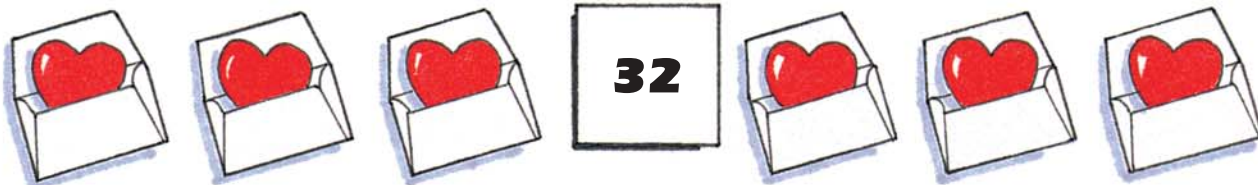
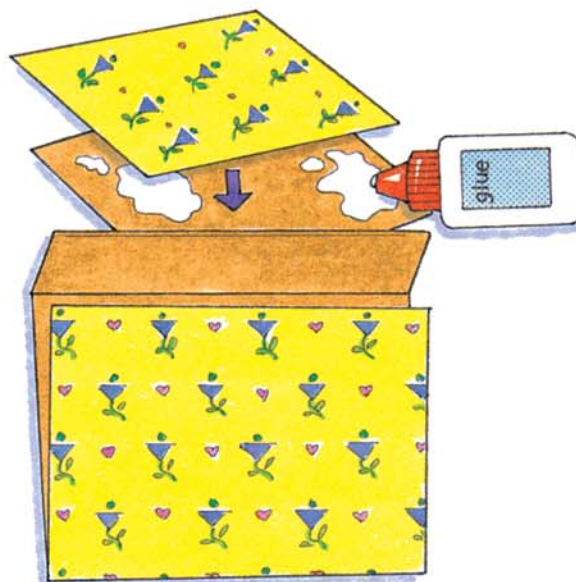
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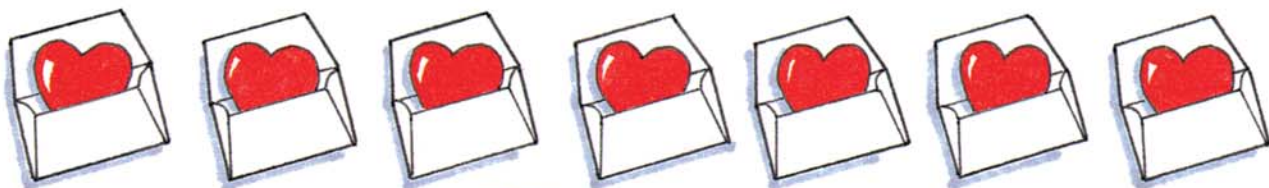


Here is what you do:

1. If the folder has a tab on one side, trim the tab off to make the edge even. Lay the file folder open on your work surface, with the outside surface up. Cover the entire outside with glue.

Cover the folder with pretty paper or fabric and trim to fit.



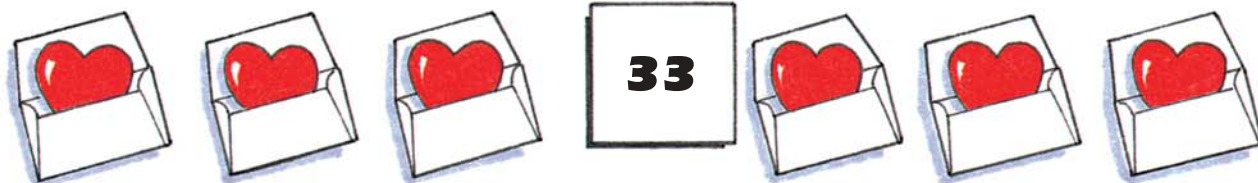


2. While the glue is still wet, fold the folder like an envelope with a flap. Let it dry folded.

3. Punch holes along both sides of the folder and lace the sides together with yarn. Punch a hole in the center of the edge of the flap. String a long piece of yarn through this hole and tie it. Use the yarn to tie the folder shut.



What a great place to stash a love letter!





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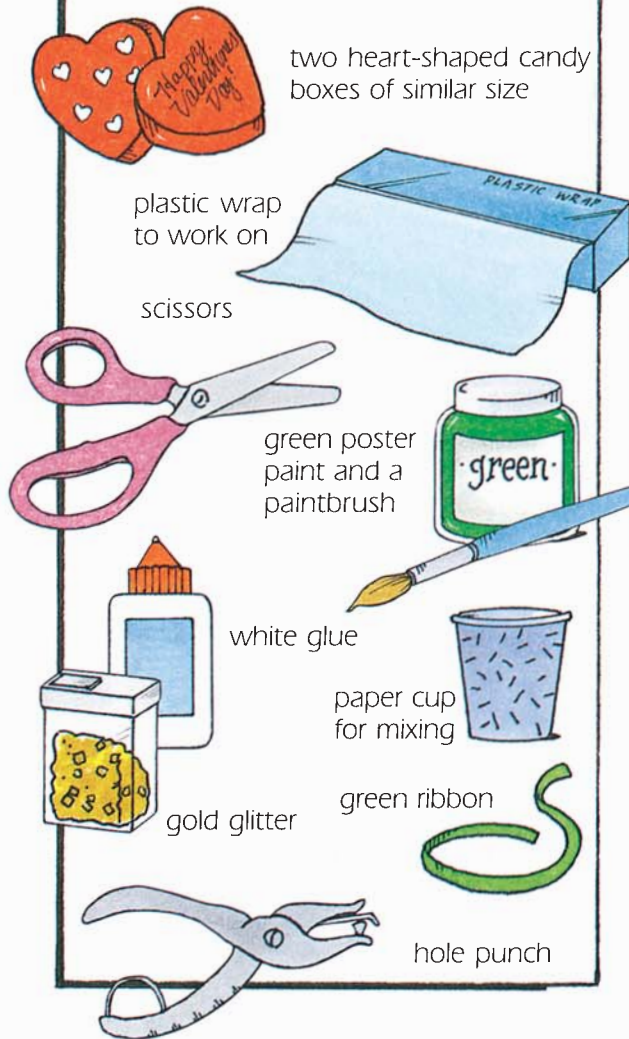




Candy Box Shamrock

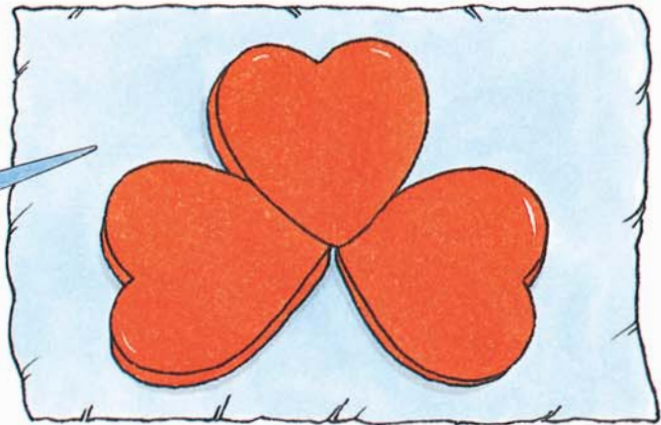
Save those candy boxes from Valentine's Day in February to make shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day in March.

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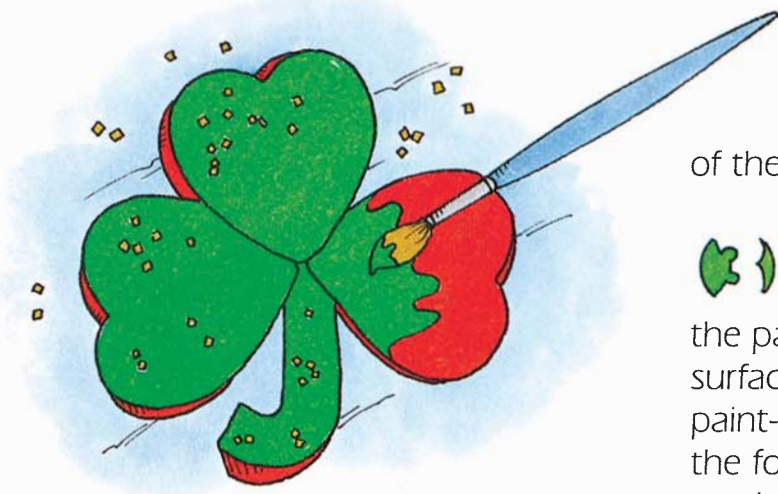
Here is what you do:

Take the lids off both candy boxes so that you have four heart shapes. Arrange three of the hearts open side down on the plastic wrap in the shape of a shamrock.



Cut the last heart in half. Cut a stem for the shamrock from the edge of one half of the box.





Put the stem at the bottom of the three shamrock leaves.



Mix four parts green paint with one part white glue in the paper cup. Paint the entire surface of the shamrock with the paint-and-glue mixture. Make sure the four parts of the shamrock overlap each other at the center so that they will dry attached.



Sprinkle the wet paint with gold glitter. Leave the project on the plastic wrap until it is completely dry. (If you try to do this project on newspaper instead of plastic wrap, you will end up with bits of newspaper stuck to the shamrock.)

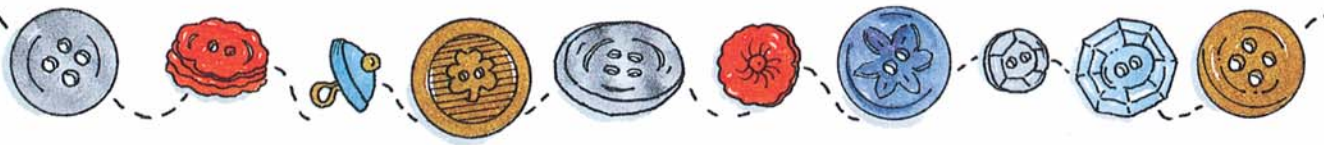


Cut a 2-foot (60-centimeter) piece of green ribbon. Punch a hole on each side of the top shamrock petal. Thread the ribbon through the two holes and tie the ends together to make a hanger.



You can decorate this shamrock even more using lace, rick-rack, or other collage materials.



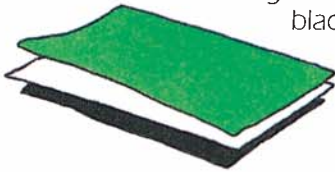


Button-Nose Shamrock

Your shirt button makes the nose for this little shamrock.

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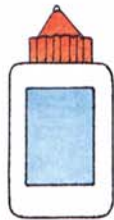
green, white, and
black felt



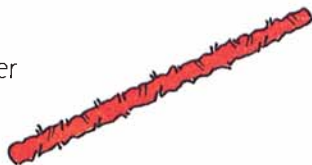
scissors



white glue



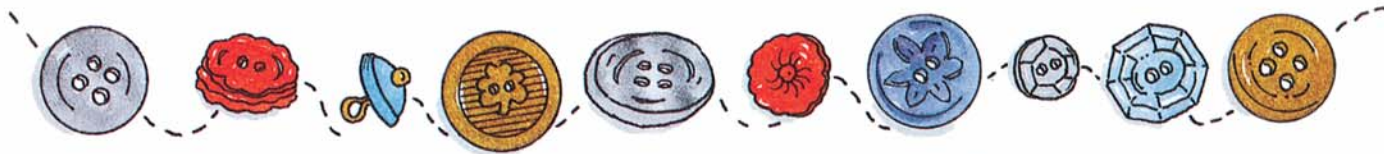
red pipe cleaner



Here is what you do:

 Cut a small shamrock from the green felt. Cut a 1/2-inch (1-centimeter) slit across the center of the shamrock for a button hole.

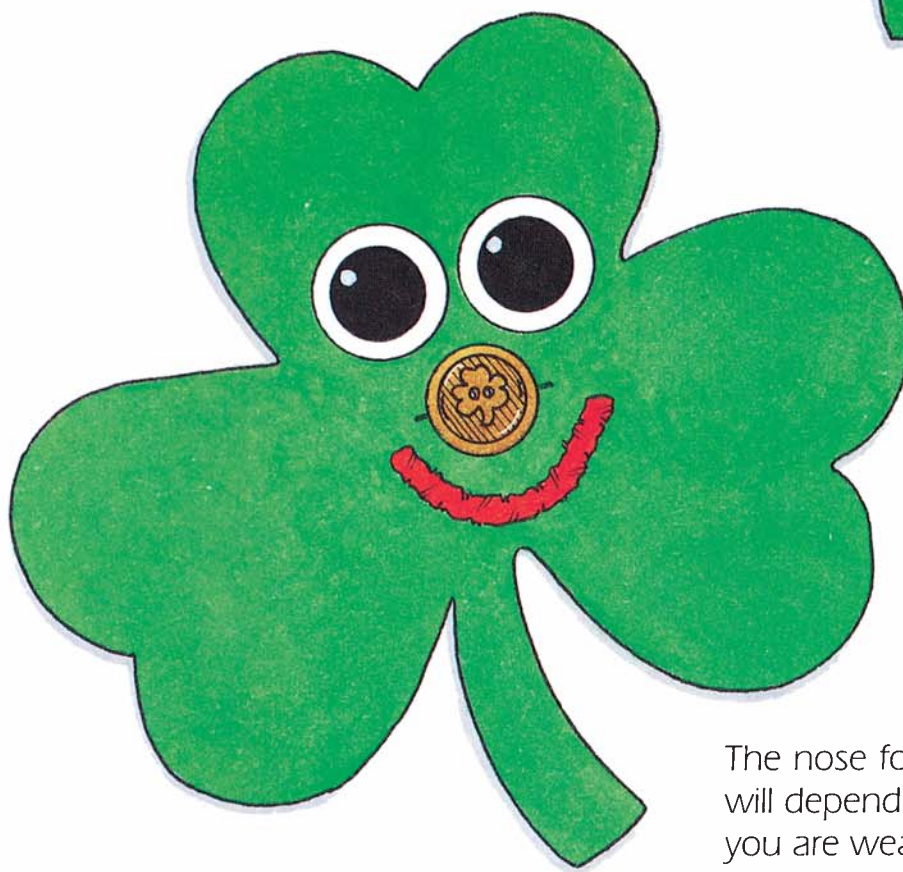




Cut eyes for the shamrock from the white and black felt. Glue the eyes to the top portion of the shamrock above the slit.



Cut a 1-inch (2½-centimeter) piece of red pipe cleaner. Bend the pipe cleaner into a smile. Glue the smile on the shamrock below the slit.



The nose for this happy shamrock will depend on what kind of buttons you are wearing when you wear it.

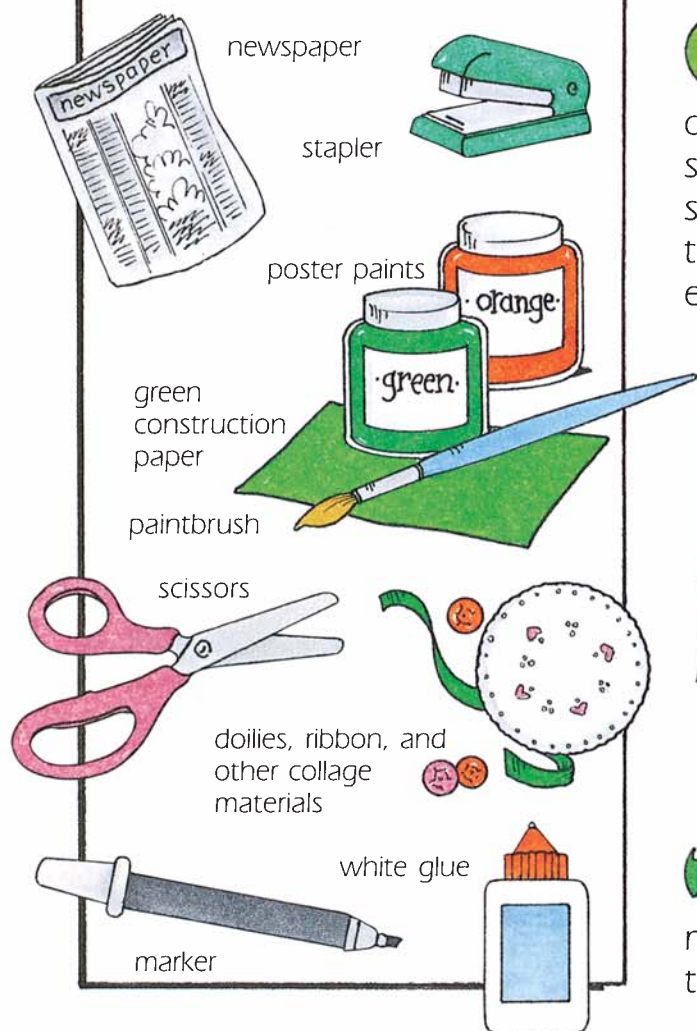




Stuffed Irish Friend

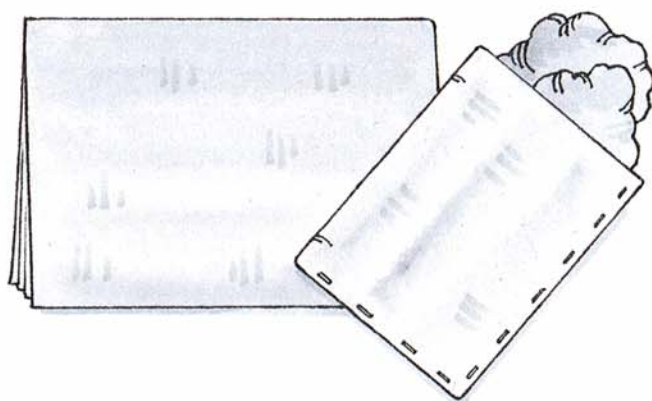
Make one or more of these Irish friends to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with you!

Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

 Stack two double sheets of newspaper on top of each other. Fold them to close them to four single sheets. Fold the stack of single sheets in half from top to bottom so that you now have a rectangle that is eight sheets thick.



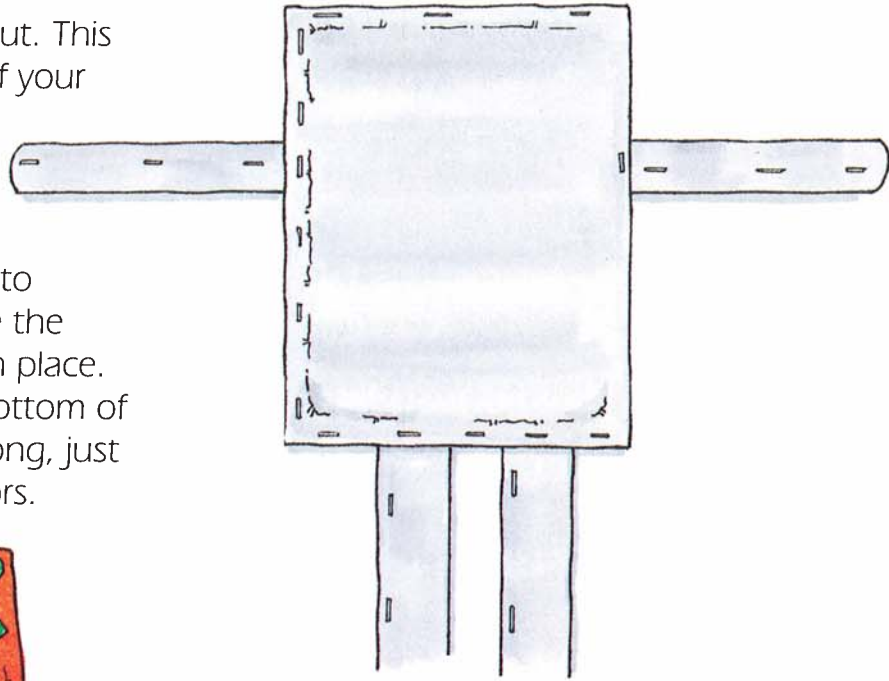
 Staple across the bottom and up one side of the rectangle to make a bag with an opening. Stuff the bag with crumpled newspaper.





Staple the top of the bag shut. This will be the head and body of your Irish friend.

 Roll single sheets of newspaper from side to side to make the legs. Staple the newspaper to hold the roll in place. Staple the two legs to the bottom of the body. If they seem too long, just trim them off with the scissors.



 Roll single sheets of newspaper the short way to make the arms. Staple the roll to hold it in place. Staple an arm to each side of the body.

 Use poster paints to draw a face and clothes. Use doilies and other collage materials to add details.

 Cut a shamrock from the green paper. Use the marker to write a St. Patrick's Day message on it. Bring the two arms around in front of the body and staple the two ends together. Glue the shamrock to the hands.

Find a comfy chair for your new friend to sit in!

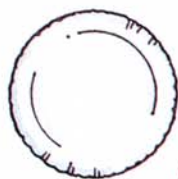




Leprechaun Face Mask

Disguise yourself as a leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day!

Here is what you need:



9-inch (23-centimeter)
paper plate



scissors

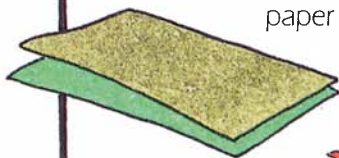


white glue

stapler



green construction
paper in two shades



roll of orange crepe paper

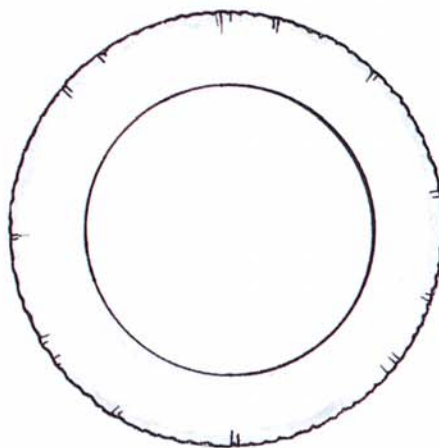


newspaper
to work on

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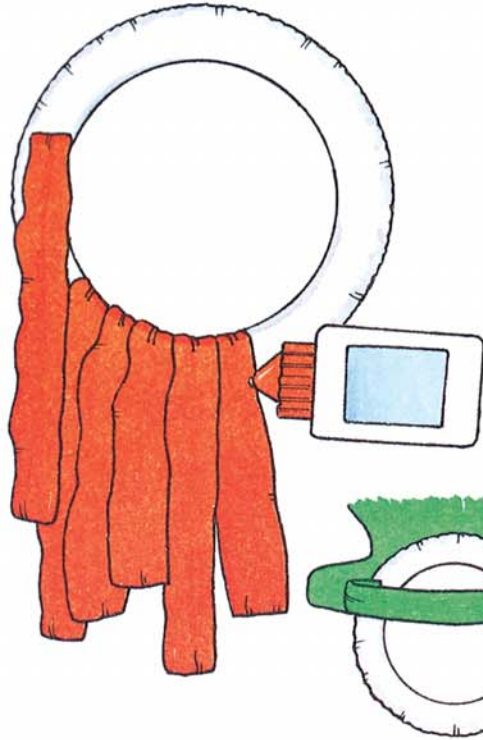


Cut the center out of the
paper plate. This will be the
front of the face mask.



Cut about twelve 14-inch
(36-centimeter) strips of crepe
paper. Glue them around the bottom
of the plate rim for a beard. Cut some
longer strips to glue on each side of
the plate for hair.





 Cut a hat for the mask from one of the shades of green paper. Cut several small shamrocks from the other shade of green paper. Use them to decorate the hat. Glue the hat to the top of the face mask.

 Cut a band of green paper about 2 inches (5 centimeters) wide and 18 inches (46 centimeters) long. Staple one end of the band to the top of the face mask behind the hat. Bring the band around the back of your head so that the mask fits comfortably and staple the strip to the other side of the mask. Trim off any extra strip.

Put on your mask and start practicing the Irish jig!

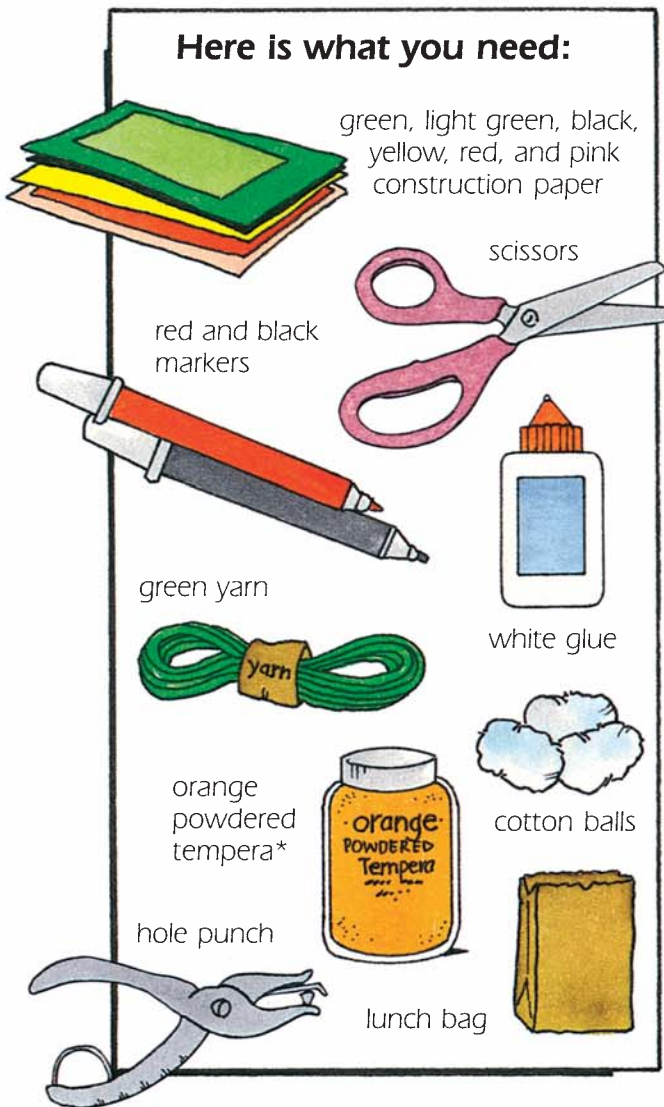




Door Leprechaun

This cheerful leprechaun will look terrific on your front door.

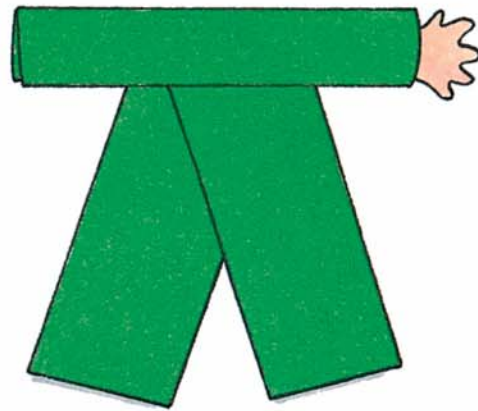
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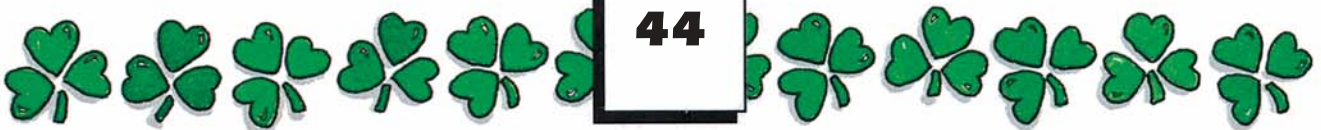
* If you do not have any powdered tempera, you can give your leprechaun a white beard or dab it with orange water color paint.

Here is what you do:

 Cut a sheet of 9-inch by 12-inch (23- by 30-centimeter) green paper in half lengthwise. Glue the two pieces together at the top end so that they hang down to form the legs of the leprechaun.



 Cut a second sheet of 9-inch by 12-inch green paper in half lengthwise. Fold one of the pieces in half lengthwise and glue the fold to





form arms. Cut two hands from the pink paper. Slip a hand between the glued paper at each end. Glue the arms across the top of the legs.

 Cut two boots and a belt from the black paper. Glue the top of each boot behind the end of each leg. Glue the belt across the middle of the leprechaun. Cut a buckle for the belt from the yellow paper and glue it in place. Cut shamrocks from the light green paper to trim the boots and belt.

 Cut a 6-inch (15-centimeter) circle from the pink paper for a head. Cut two round eyes from the black paper. Use the hole punch to punch out a pupil in each eye. Glue the eyes to the head.

 Cut a round red nose from the red paper. Glue it on the face below the eyes. Use the red marker to give the leprechaun a big smile.

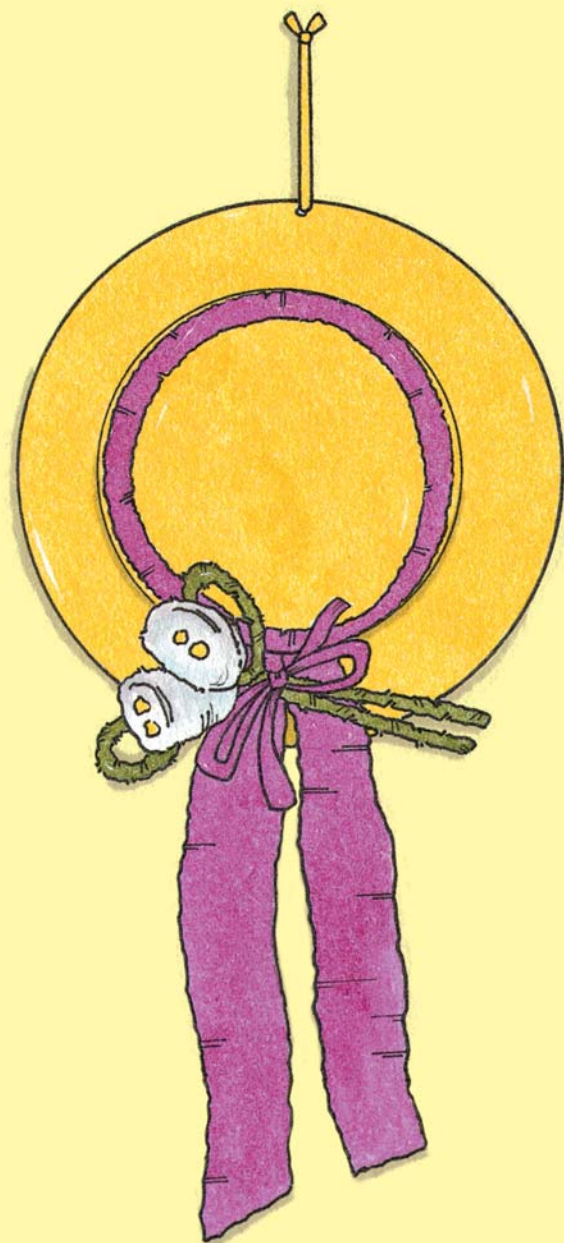


 To make a beard, shake about 16 cotton balls in the brown bag with a tablespoon of orange powdered tempera to color them orange. Glue the beard around the face.

 Cut a hat from the green paper. Trim the hat with a black paper band and one or more shamrocks. Glue the hat on the leprechaun's head. Glue the head to the body of the leprechaun.

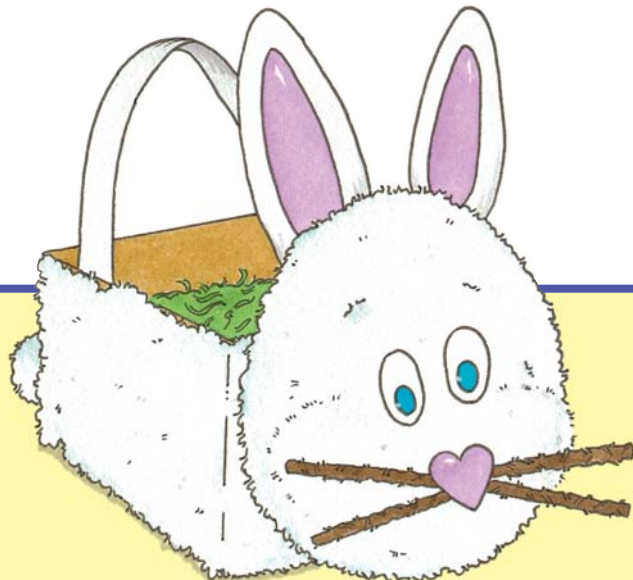
 Cut a 2-foot (60-centimeter) length of green yarn. Glue an end of the yarn in each of the leprechaun's hands so that the yarn hangs across the front of him. Cut nine shamrocks from the light green paper. Glue the shamrocks, evenly spaced, across the yarn. Write "Good Luck" on the shamrocks, leaving one shamrock blank between the two words.

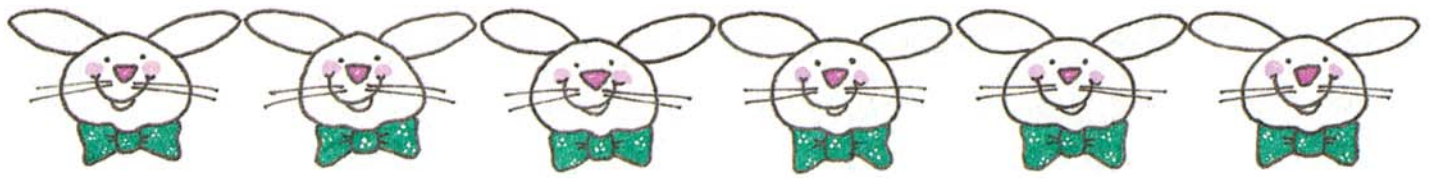




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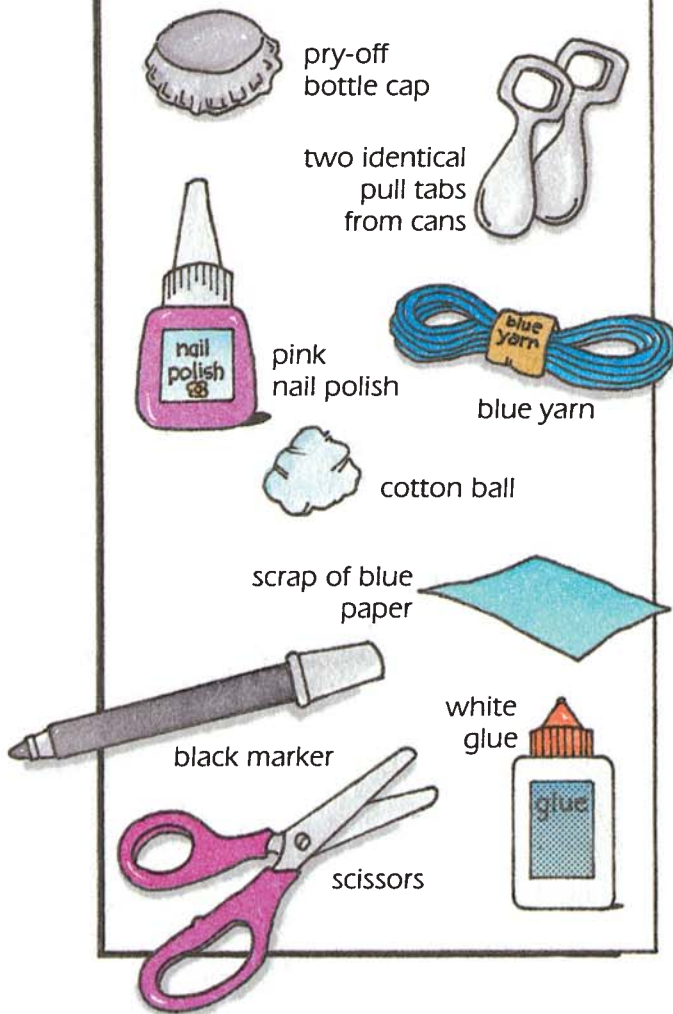




Pull Tab Rabbit Necklace

Make this necklace for yourself or to give as a gift.

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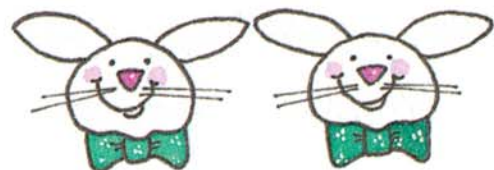
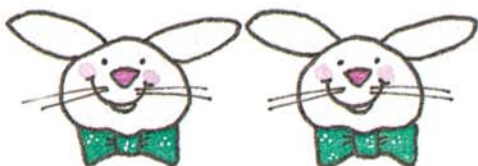


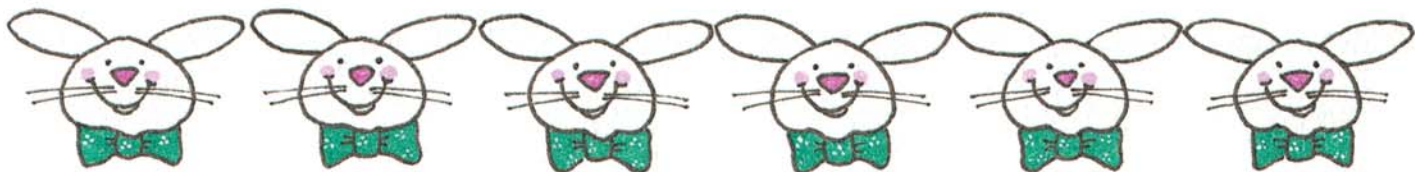
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1. Paint the pull tabs and the outside of the bottle cap with the nail polish and let them dry.

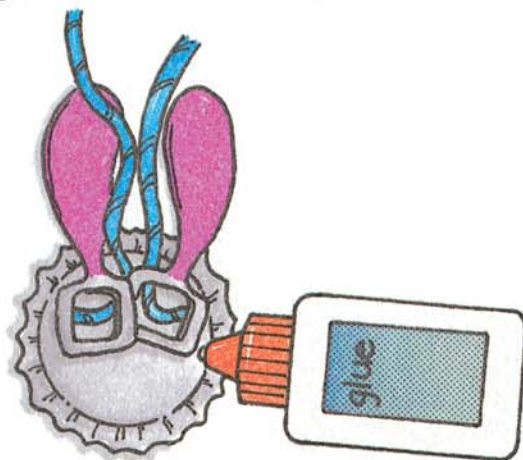


2. Fill the cap with glue and place the rings of the two pull tabs inside the cap so that the tabs stick out like rabbit ears.





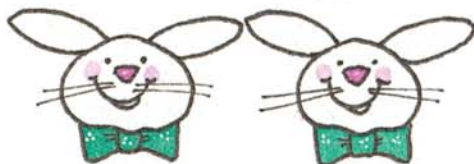
Cut a piece of yarn 2 feet (.6 meter) long and put both ends in the glue between the rings. Cut a thin circle from the cotton ball and gently press it over the rings and the glue in the cap.



3. Cut two tiny eyes from blue paper and make dots in the middle of each one with a marker. Glue the eyes on the cotton ball below the ears. Knot a short piece of blue yarn in the middle and fray both ends to make whiskers. Glue the whiskers below the eyes.



This bunny also makes a very nice refrigerator magnet. Instead of adding the yarn hanger, just press a piece of sticky magnetic strip on the back of the bunny.

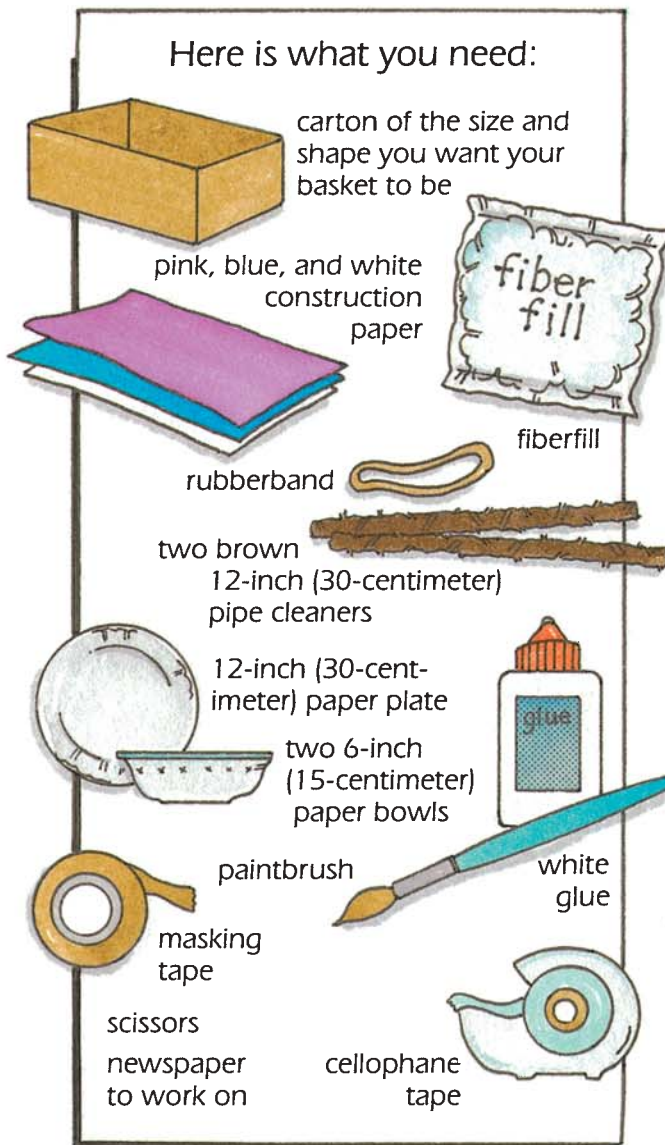




Giant Bunny Basket

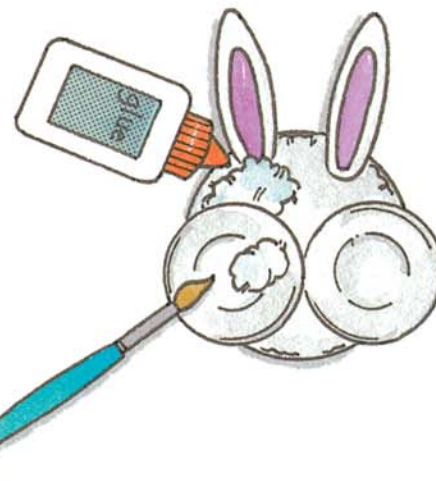
This giant bunny basket makes an unusual Easter decoration. Fill the basket with your favorite stuffed bunnies, chicks, ducks, and some big plastic eggs to make an eye-catching display.

Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

1. To make the bunny's cheeks, glue the rims of two bowls to the back of the paper plate. Cut bunny ears from the white and pink paper. Glue the ears to the top of the plate.



2. Use the paintbrush to cover the plate and the bowls with glue. Then cover the plate and bowls completely with fiberfill.



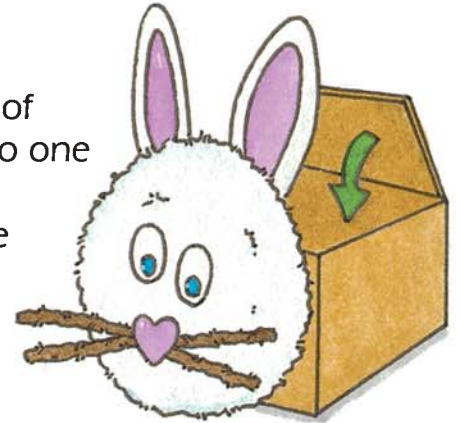


3.

Twist two pipe cleaners together to form whiskers. At their centers, glue them to the middle of the plate. Also use a piece of masking tape to hold the whiskers in place. Cut a nose out of the pink paper and glue it over the tape. Cut eyes out of the blue and white paper and glue them above the nose. Let the bunny head dry completely before continuing.

4.

Fold the flaps to the inside of the carton. Glue the head to one end of the carton. Use your paintbrush to cover the outside of the rest of the carton with glue. (Don't glue the bottom.) Cover the glued outside with fiberfill.



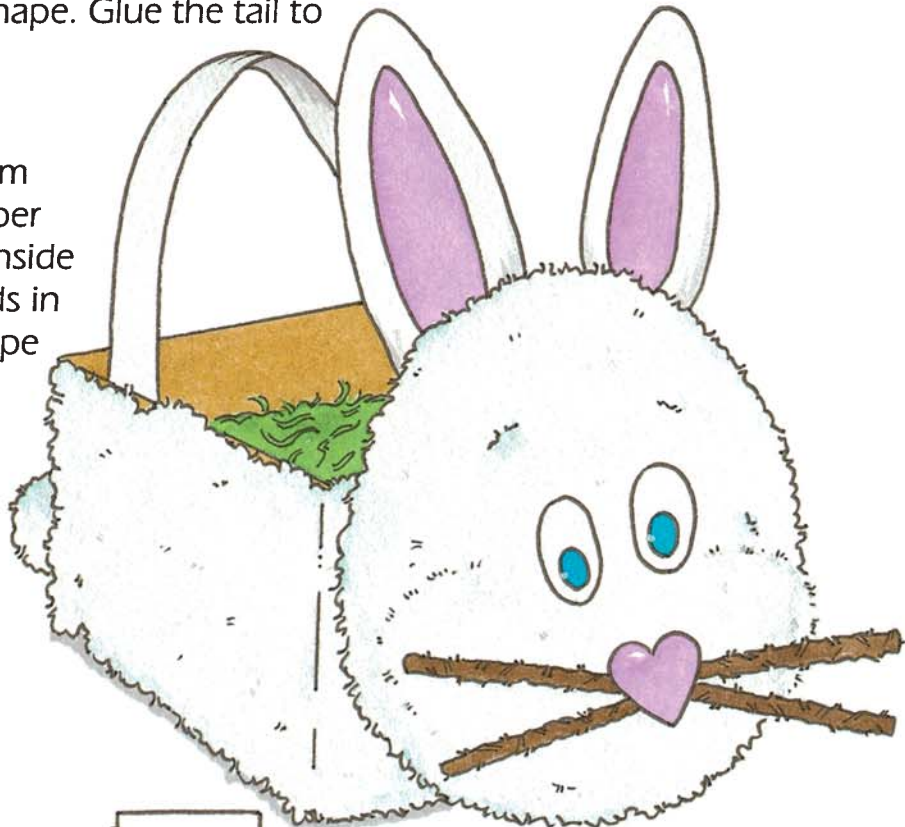
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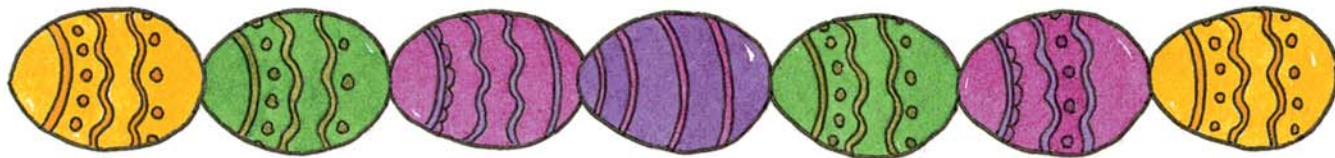
To make the bunny's tail, bunch some fiberfill into a ball and then wrap it with a rubberband to keep its shape. Glue the tail to the back of the bunny.

6.

Cut a handle from construction paper and glue the two ends inside the basket. Hold the ends in place with cellophane tape while the glue dries.

If you like, now you can fill the basket with Easter grass.

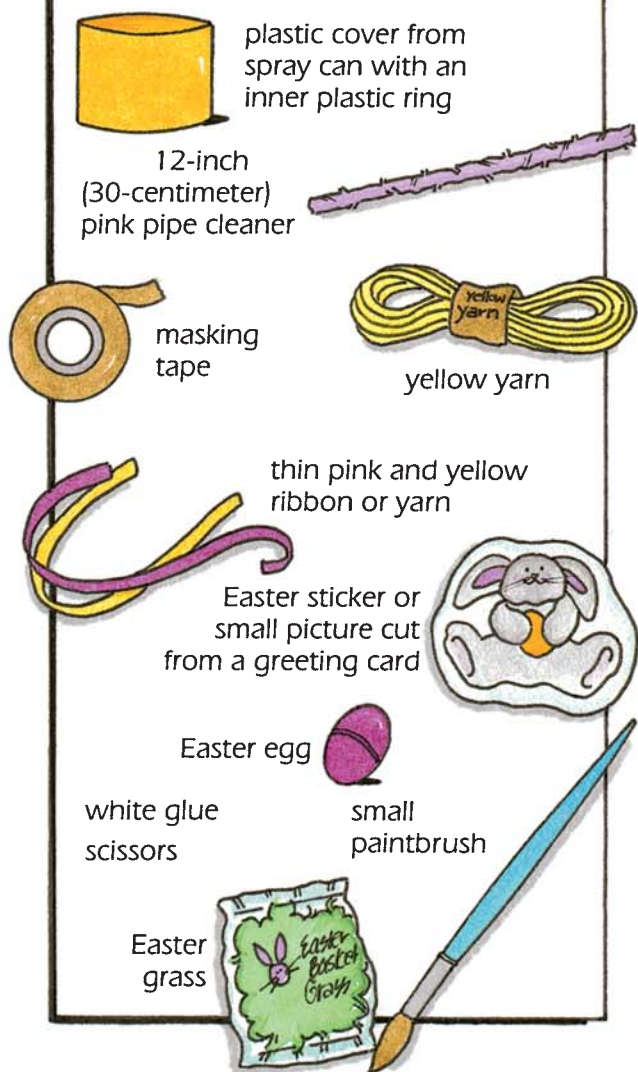




Basket Egg Holder

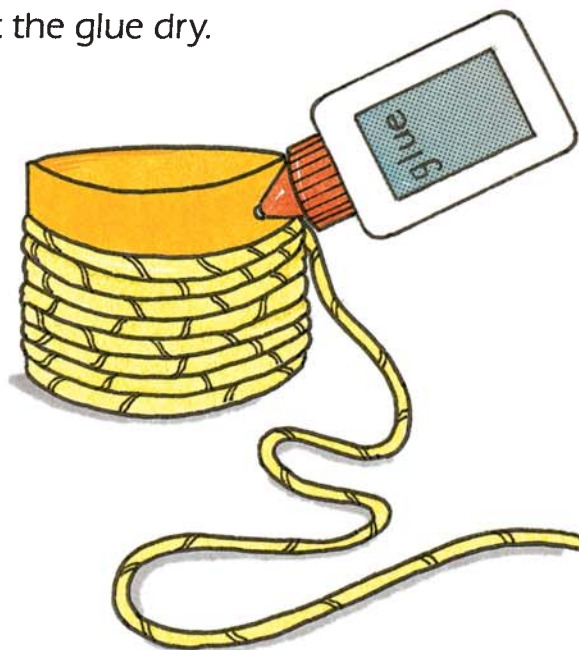
Make a holder to display your prettiest decorated egg.

Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

1 Wrap the outside of the plastic cover with masking tape. Spread glue over the masking tape with the paintbrush. Starting at the bottom of the cover, carefully wrap yellow yarn around the entire outside. Glue an Easter sticker or a small picture cut from a greeting card to the side of the cover. Let the glue dry.





2. Tape each end of the pipe cleaner inside the cover to form a handle for the basket. Tie yellow and pink ribbon or yarn into a bow on the handle. Tuck some Easter grass into the basket.



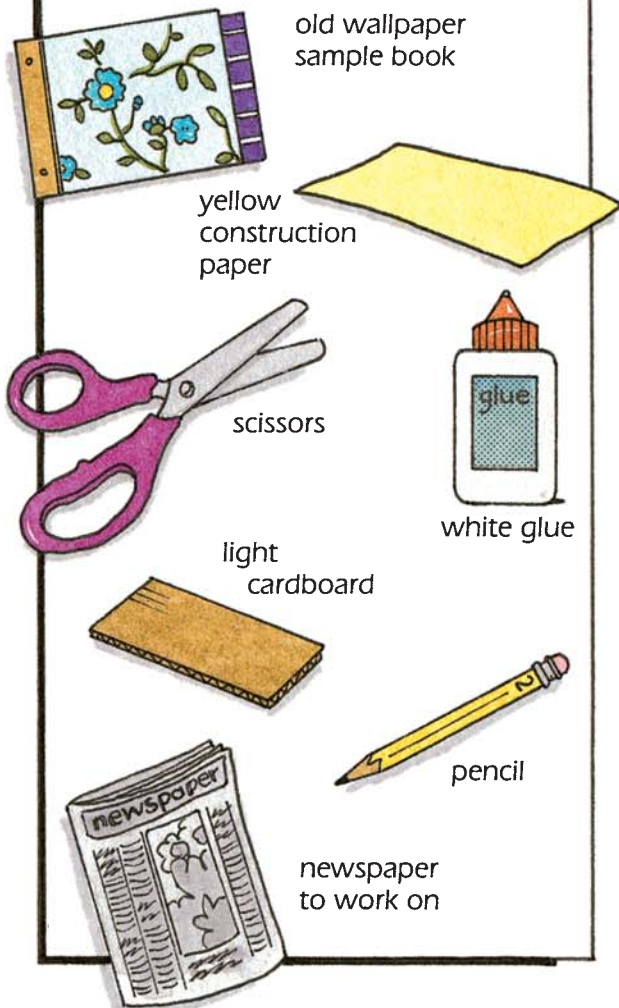
To display one special Easter egg, stand the egg on its end in the inner ring of the plastic cover.



Easter Egg Memory Game

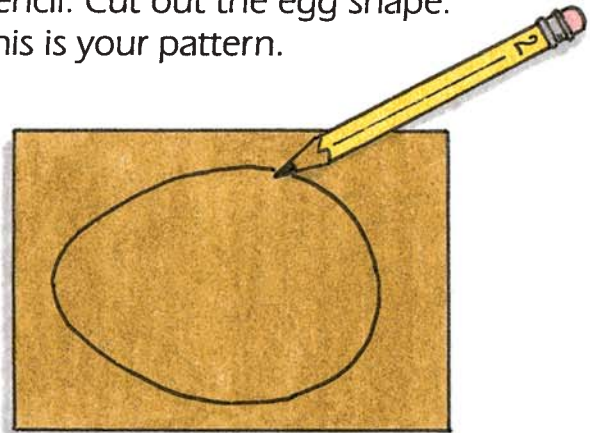
Here is an Easter game to make and play with a friend.

Here is what you need:



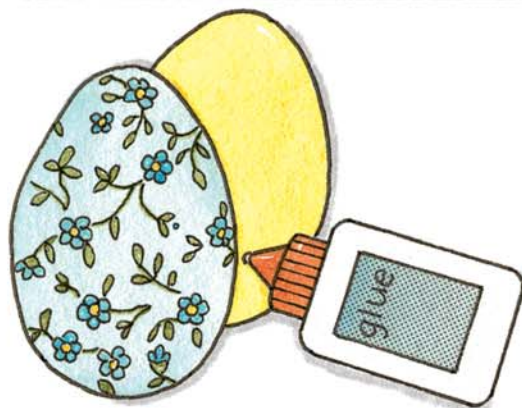
Here is what you do:

1. Sketch an egg shape about 3 1/2 inches (9 centimeters) tall onto the cardboard with a pencil. Cut out the egg shape. This is your pattern.

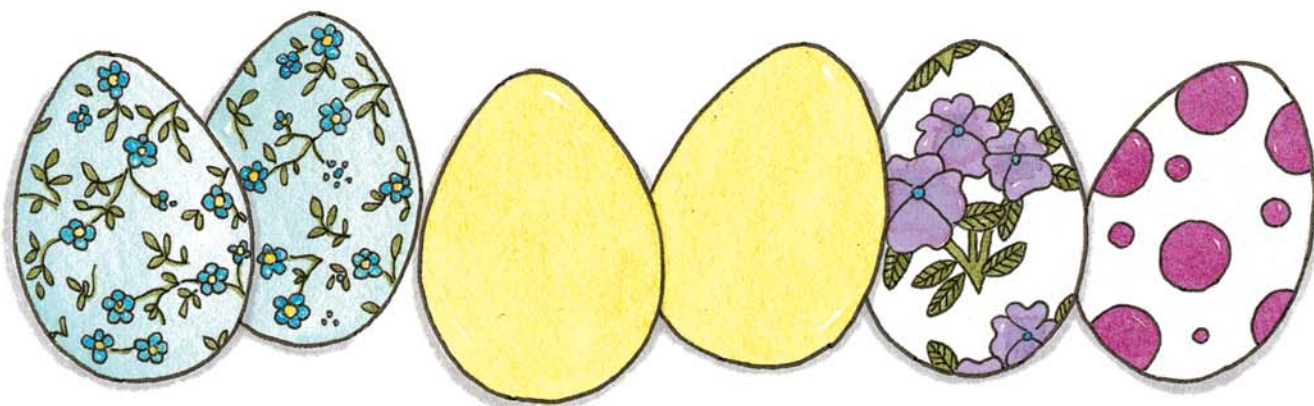


2. Use the pattern to trace twenty-two eggs onto the yellow construction paper. Cut out the eggs. Choose eleven different wallpaper designs from the wallpaper book. Using your egg pattern, cut out two eggs from each design.

3. Glue a yellow egg to the blank side of each wallpaper egg and let the eggs dry flat. If the edges start to curl, put some heavy books on top to weigh them down while they dry.



To play your Easter Egg Memory Game, you will need two players. Put all the eggs yellow-side-up on the floor or a table. The first player turns two eggs over. If they match, the player gets to keep them. If they do not match, the player must turn them yellow-side-up again, and it's the other player's turn. To match eggs, each player must remember where the different patterns are hidden. After all the eggs have been turned over, the winner of the game is the player with the most matched sets of eggs.

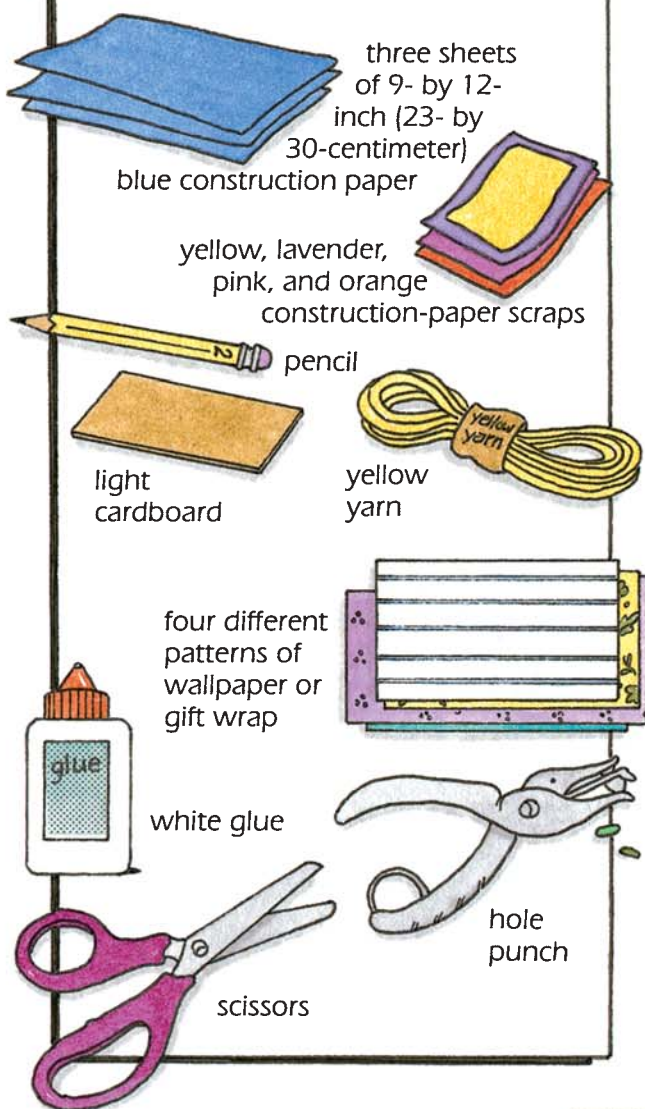


To make this game more difficult, just make more pairs of eggs. The eggs must be yellow on one side, but the other side can be made with wrapping paper, wallpaper, or different colors of construction paper, or can be decorated with crayons or markers. Remember, there must be two eggs of every color or design. Make sure you always play with an odd number of pairs of eggs, too, so that there will always be a winner.

Easter Egg Matching Card

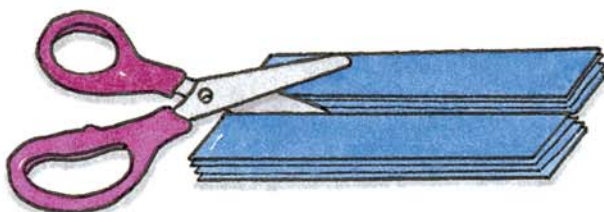
Make this Easter card to give to a younger brother, sister, or friend.

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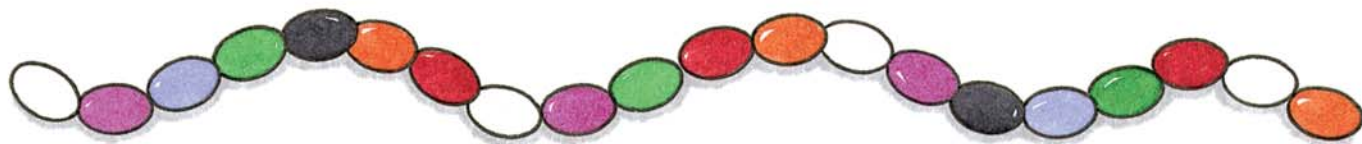


Here is what you do:

1. Cut the three sheets of blue construction paper in half to make 9- by 6-inch (23- by 15-centimeter) rectangles. Put two of the sheets aside. Lay the other four sheets on top of each other. Cut the sheets in half to form eight 3- by 9-inch (7.5- by 23-centimeter) strips. Make two stacks of four strips each.

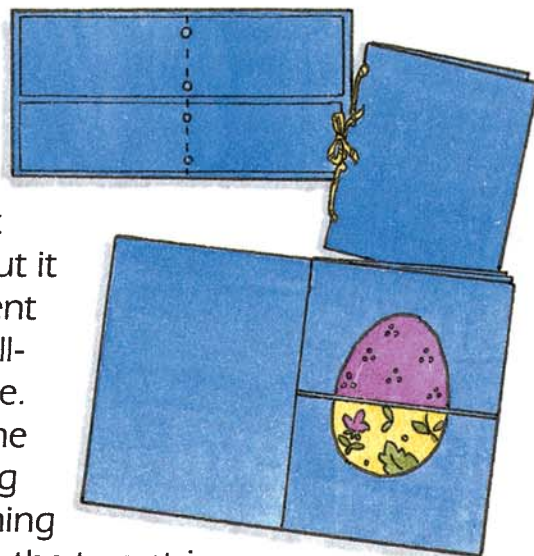


2. Place one of the 9- by 6-inch (23- by 15-centimeter) sheets of blue paper behind the strips. The strips will make the top and bottom pages of the card. The uncut sheet is the cover. Punch four holes along the center of the card and lace the yarn

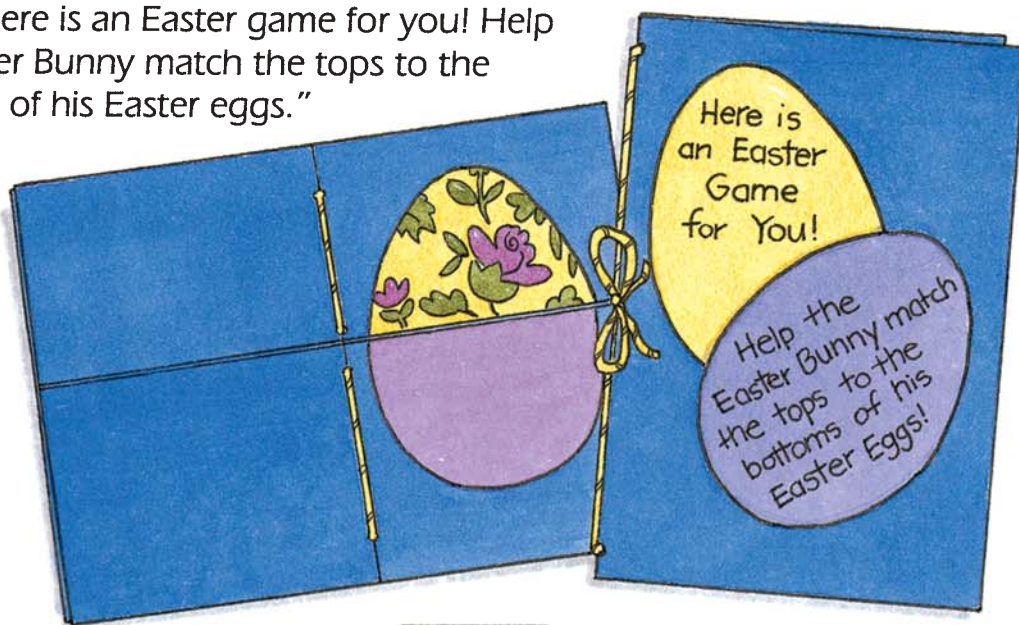


through them to tie the cover and strips together. Do not tie the yarn too tightly or it will be hard to turn the pages.

3. On cardboard, sketch an egg about 3 1/2 inches (9 centimeters) long. Cut it out to use as a pattern to make eight different eggs from the construction paper and the wall-paper. Cut each egg exactly in half widthwise. Glue the top of an egg on the top strip of the first page. Glue the bottom of a different egg on the bottom strip of the page, carefully lining up the halves to form a complete egg when the two strips are together. Glue a different egg bottom on each bottom strip, lining each one up with the top half of the egg on the first page. Go back to the beginning of the card. Glue the egg tops to the rest of the strips. Be sure each page has an egg with a different top and bottom.



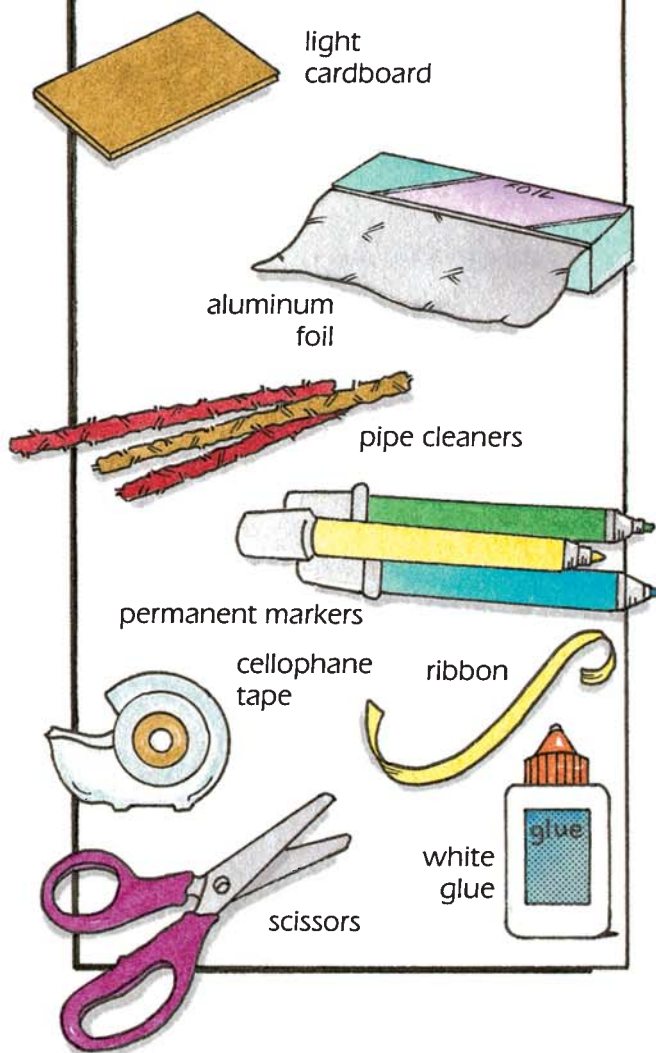
4. Decorate the front of the book with more Easter eggs. On the cover, write "Here is an Easter game for you! Help the Easter Bunny match the tops to the bottoms of his Easter eggs."



Giant Foil Egg

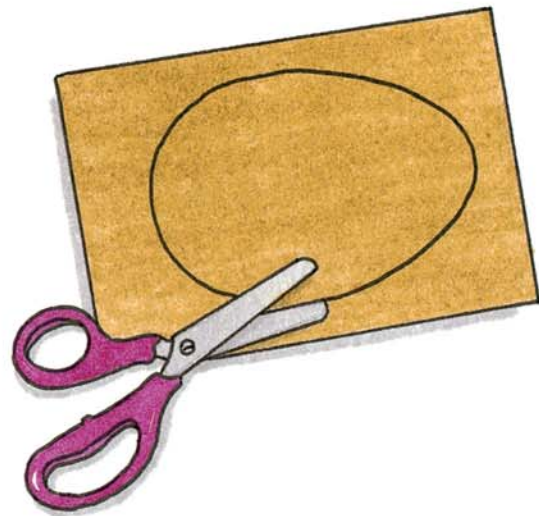
Make this giant egg to hang on your front door.

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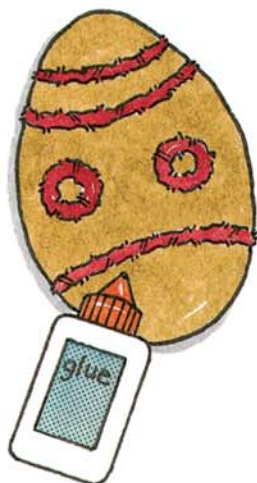


Here is what you do:

1. Cut a large egg out of cardboard. Make it at least 12 inches (30 centimeters) long.



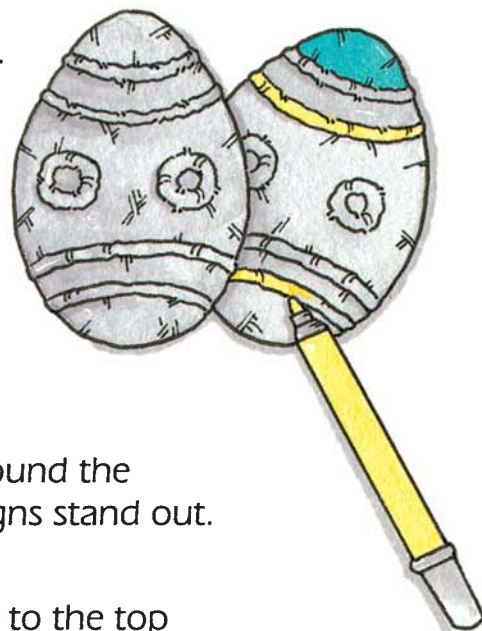
2. Make a design on the egg with pieces of pipe cleaner.



Glue on circles, lines, zigzags, and other shapes. Let the glue dry completely before continuing.



Carefully cover the egg with foil. Press the foil down over the pipe cleaners on the egg so that the design shows clearly. To hold the foil in place, tape it to the back of the egg.

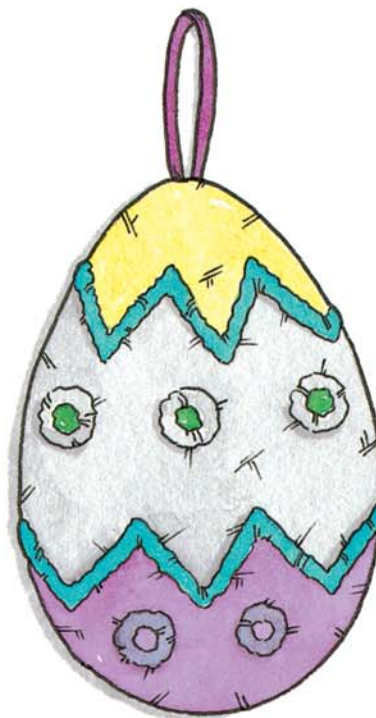
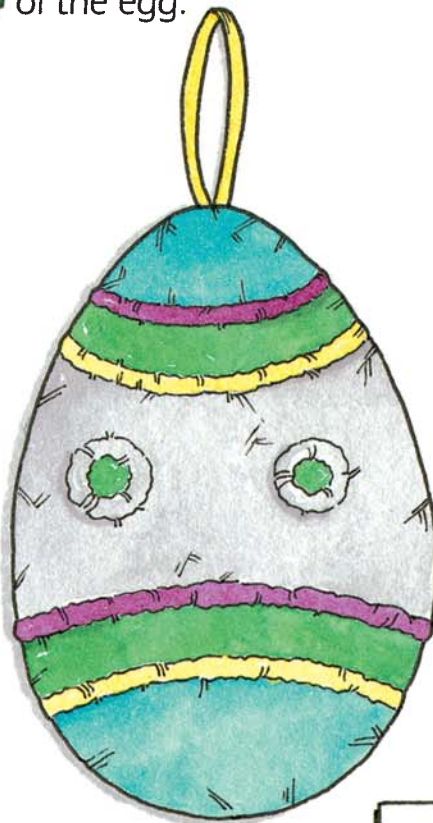


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Use permanent markers to color in or around the designs on the foil egg to make the designs stand out.

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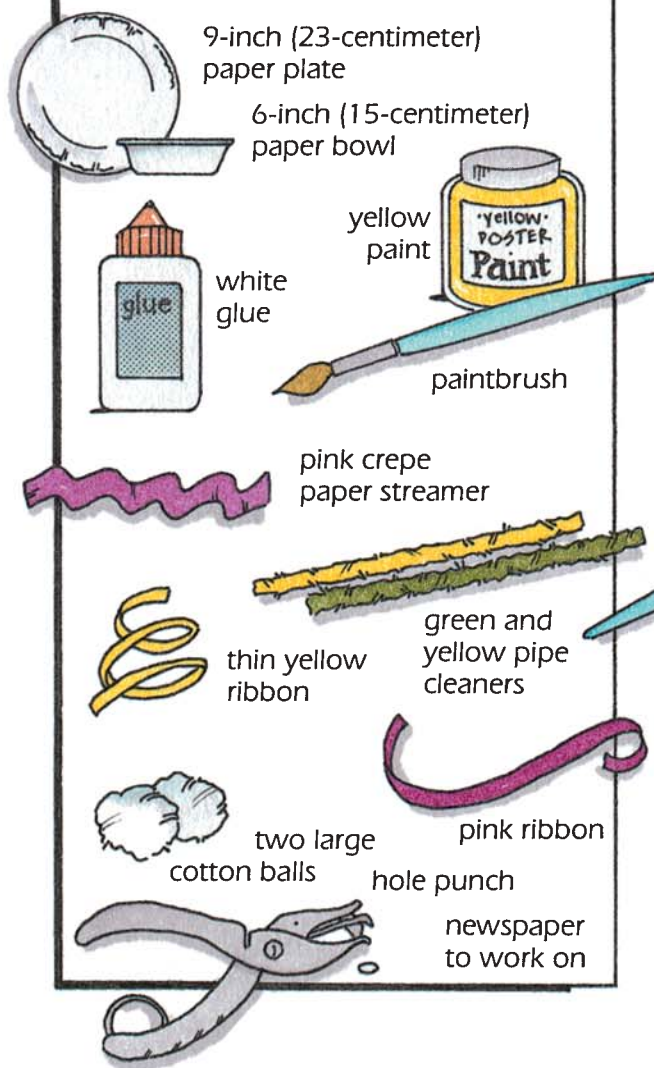
To make a hanger, tape a piece of ribbon to the top of the egg.



Easter Bonnet Wall Hanging

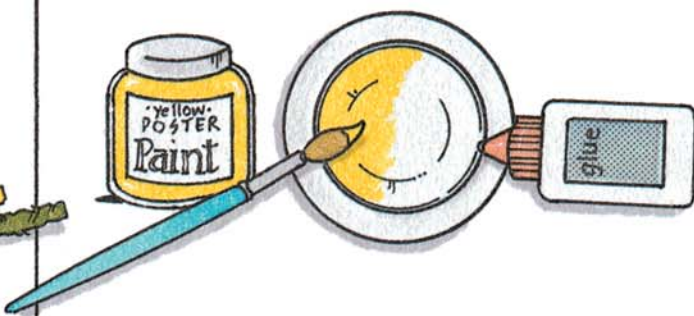
This Easter bonnet goes on the wall, not on your head.

Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

1. Glue the bowl, rim down, to the middle of the paper plate to make a hat. When the glue has dried, paint the entire hat yellow.



2. Cut a piece of pink crepe paper 3 feet (91 centimeters) long and tie it around the bowl of the hat. Glue it in place, leaving two long streamers hanging down.



3.

Make two flowers to decorate the hat. To make each flower, bend a 2-inch (5-centimeter) piece of yellow pipe cleaner in half. Poke the bend in the pipe cleaner through a cotton ball and pull the cotton up around the pipe cleaner to form a flower. Bend the two ends of the folded pipe cleaner to make the stamens at the center of each flower.



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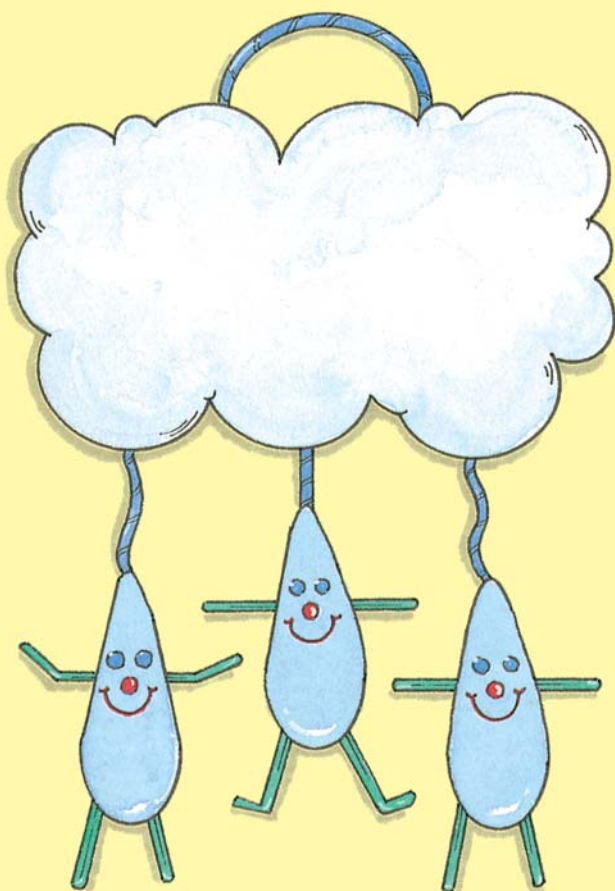
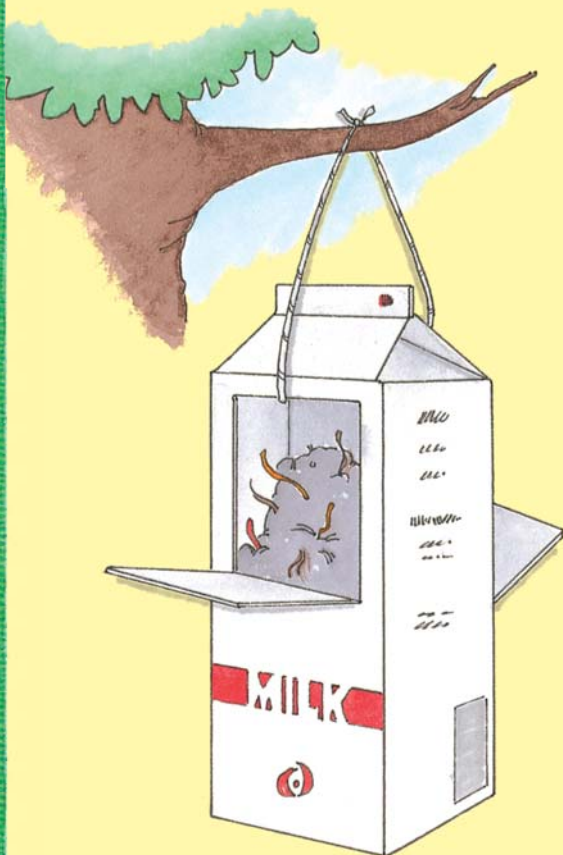
Insert a 6-inch (15-centimeter) piece of green pipe cleaner into the fold of the yellow pipe cleaner to make the stem of the flower. Join the two flowers together by wrapping a 12-inch (30-centimeter) green pipe cleaner around the stems and then folding its ends into the shapes of leaves. Tie a pink bow around the flowers and glue them to the hat just above the streamers.

5.

Punch a hole in the rim of the hat on the side opposite the streamers. Tie a piece of thin yellow ribbon through the hole to form a hanger.



You can make an Easter corsage with the same kind of flowers you made to decorate this hat.



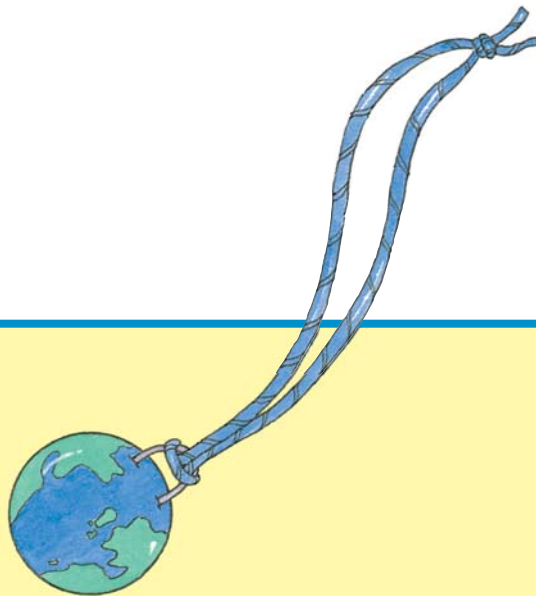
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Scrap Paper Scratch Pad

We need to recycle or reuse things so that we do not cover our Earth with trash.

Here is what you need:



paper that has been used on one side only

cardboard



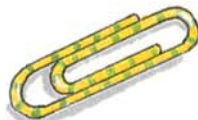
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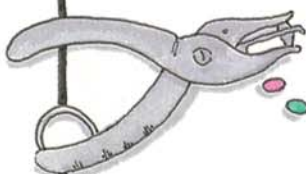
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paper clip



hole punch

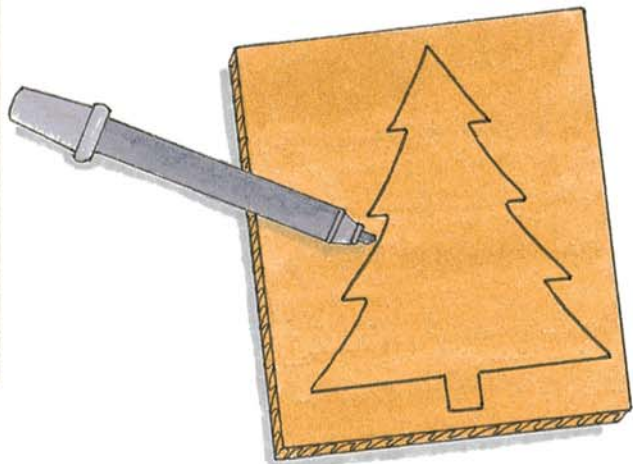


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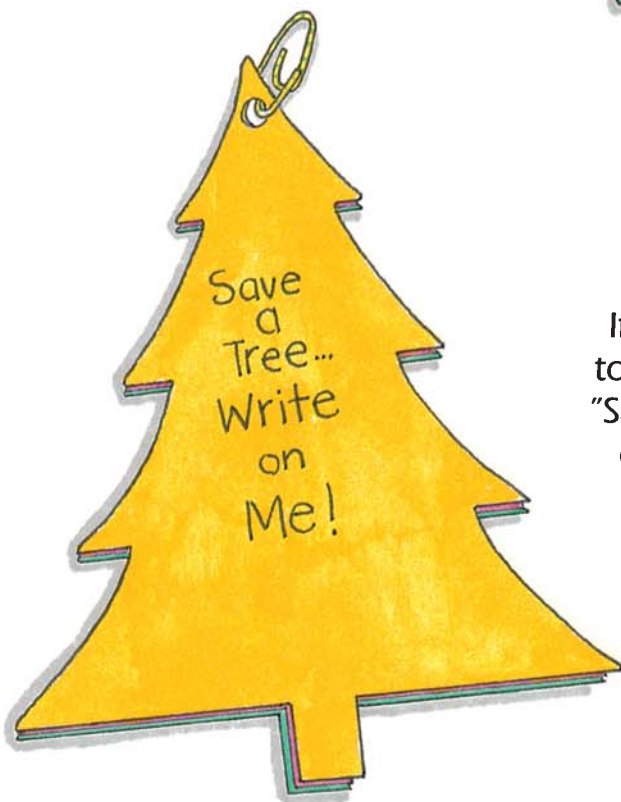
Save paper that has been used on one side only.

When you have about twenty pieces you are ready to make a scratch pad. Draw a simple pine tree shape on cardboard and cut it out to use as a pattern. Trace the pattern onto a piece of scrap paper. Stack about five sheets together and cut out the tree shape. Repeat this step until you have at least twenty trees for the pages of your scratch pad.





- 2.** Punch a hole in the same spot at the top of each tree. Bend open a paper clip slightly and slide one end of the clip through the holes in the trees to hold them together. Use the end of the paper clip to hang the notepad up by the phone.



If you are giving this pad to someone as a gift, write "Save a tree... write on me" on the front of the tree.





Good Earth Necklace

We need good dirt to grow the plants
and trees we need to live.

Here is what you need:



clean dirt,
such as
packaged
potting soil



white glue



cup and spoon



old plastic
or china plate
for drying



blue and green
poster paint



paintbrush



clear
nail polish



small paper clip



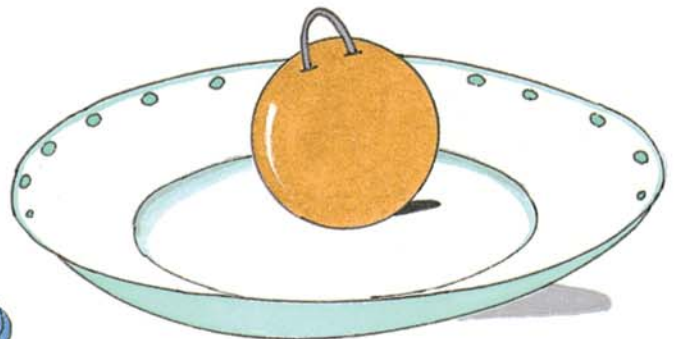
scissors



blue yarn

Here is what you do:

1. Use the cup and spoon to mix about two table-
spoons of dirt with enough white
glue to hold it together. Roll as
much of the dirt mixture as you
need to form a small ball for your
necklace. Push one end of a
paper clip into the ball to form a
hanger. Wash the cup and spoon
immediately. Let the ball dry on
an old plate for several days until
it is very hard.

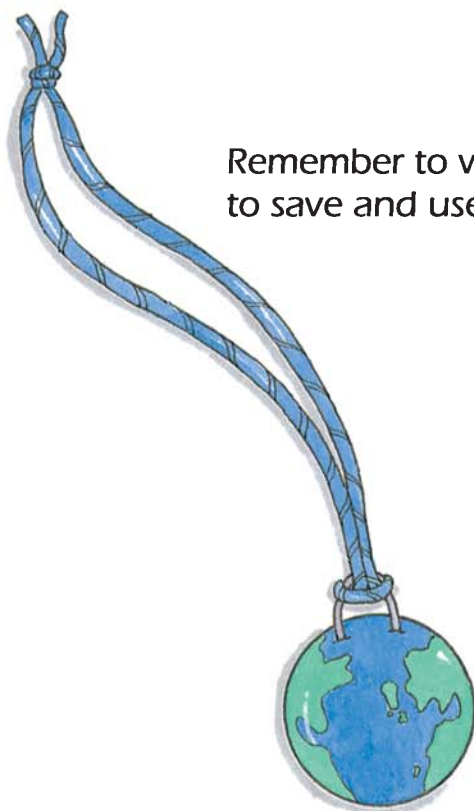




2. Paint the ball blue. When the blue paint has dried, paint on green land forms. Let the green paint dry.



3. Tie a long piece of blue yarn through the paper clip to make your necklace. Paint the ball with clear nail polish and hang it up to dry.



Remember to wash off your drying plate to save and use with other projects.

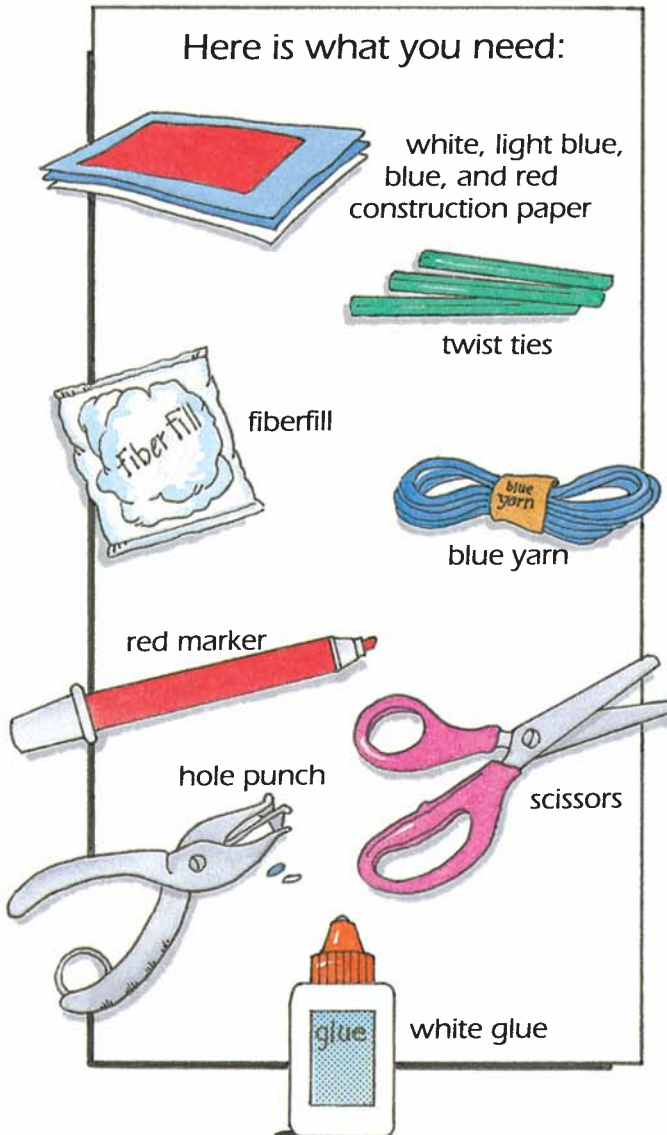




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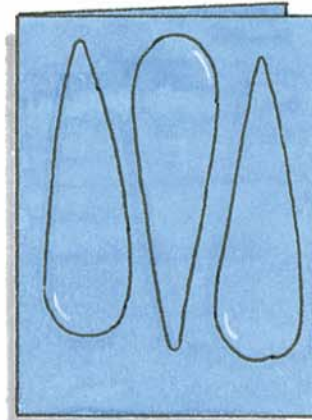
We need clean water to drink.

Here is what you need:



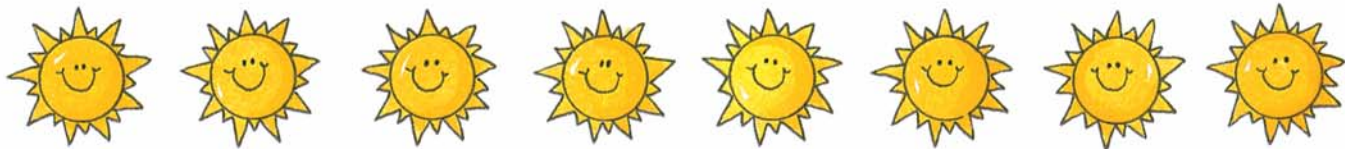
Here is what you do:

- 1.** Fold a sheet of light blue construction paper in half. Cut three raindrops, each 3 to 4 inches (8 to 10 centimeters) high, from the folded paper so that each raindrop has a front and a back.



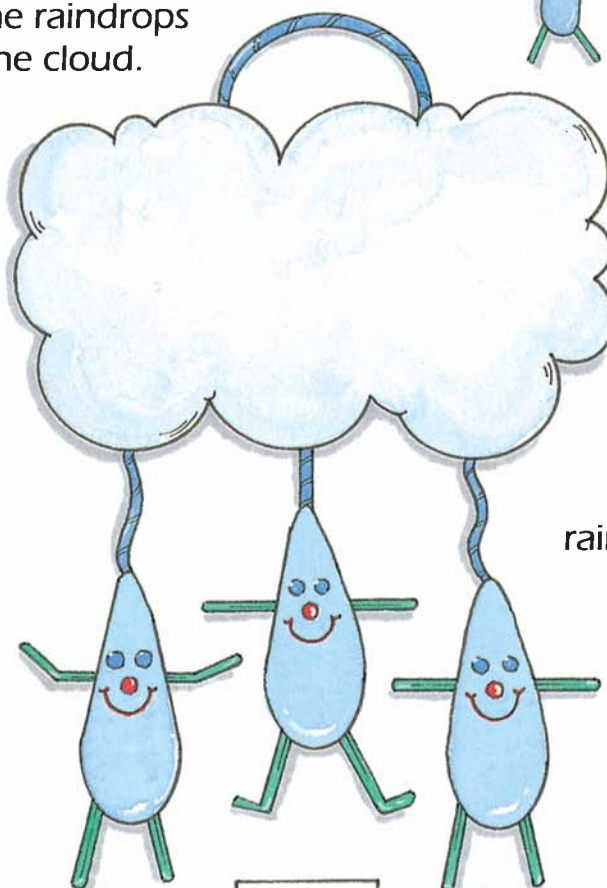
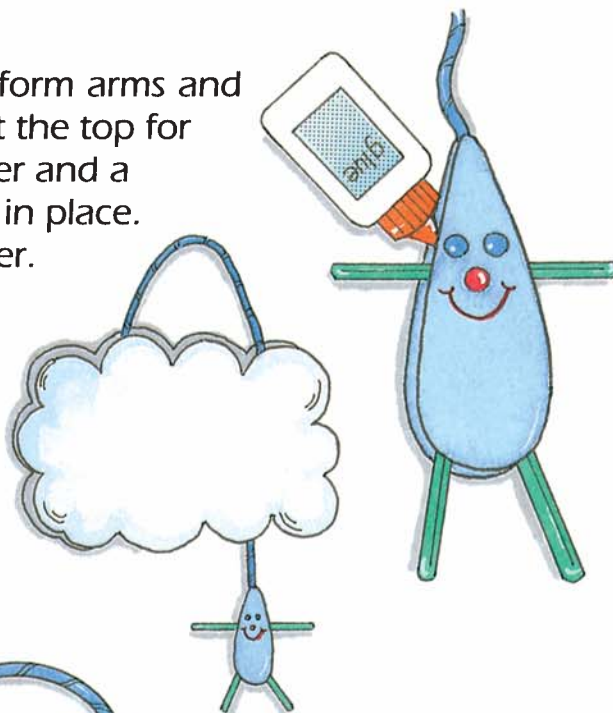
- 2.** To make each raindrop, spread glue between the front and back pieces. Glue them together with four twist ties





sticking out from between them, to form arms and legs, and a long piece of blue yarn at the top for a hanger. Punch eyes from blue paper and a nose from red paper, and glue them in place. Draw on a big smile with a red marker. Draw on a big smile with a red marker.

3. Fold a sheet of white construction paper in half and cut a cloud shape with a front and back piece. Glue the front and back of the cloud together with two ends of a piece of yarn between them at the top, to form a hanger, and the yarn hangers of the raindrops at the bottom of the cloud. Glue fiberfill to both sides of the cloud.



These friendly raindrops can fall even on a sunny day.

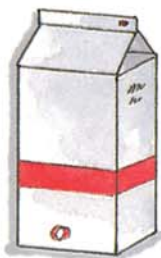




Bird's Nest Supply Box

The birds around your house may not be on the endangered list, but they will be glad of the help you give them with this project.

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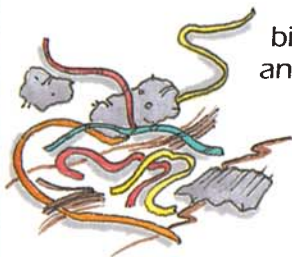


half-gallon
milk carton

string

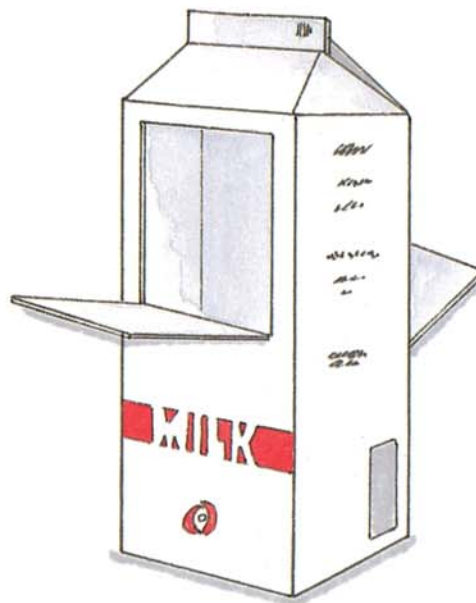


dryer lint, pet
and people hair,
bits of string
and yarn



Here is what you do:

1. Ask a grownup to cut a flap in one side of the milk carton, using a sharp knife. The flap should extend halfway down the side. Fold it down to form a platform. Do the same thing on the opposite side.



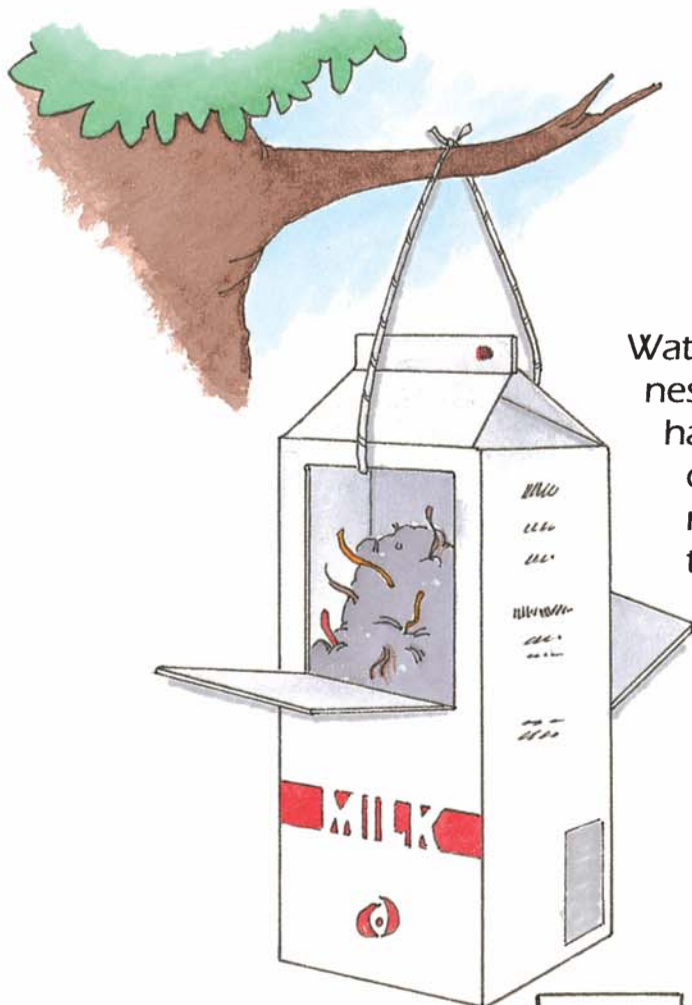
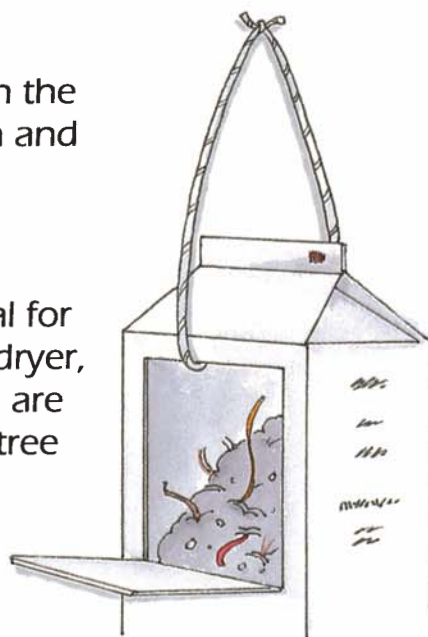


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Thread a piece of string through the two openings in the milk carton and tie the ends together to form a hanger.

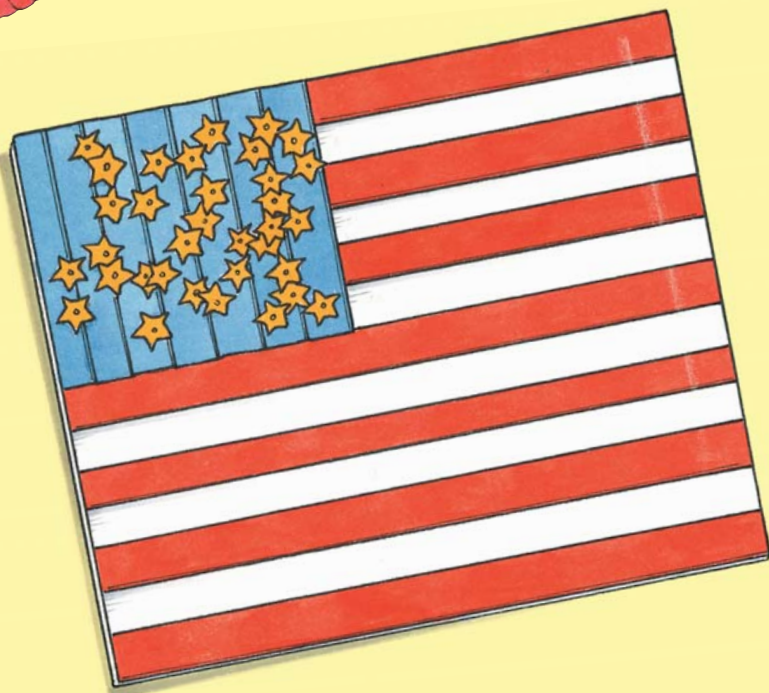
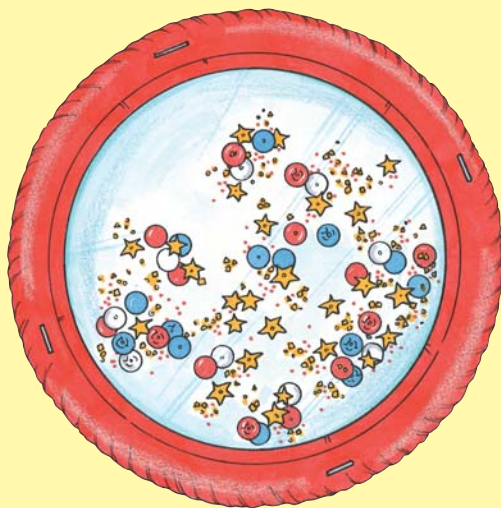
3.

Fill the box with nesting material for the birds. Lint from the clothes dryer, hair, pet fur, and bits of yarn and string are all good choices. Hang the box from a tree branch outside.



Watch the trees around your yard for nests containing bits of materials you have provided. Including some bits of brightly colored yarn in your nest supply box will make the nests easier to spot.





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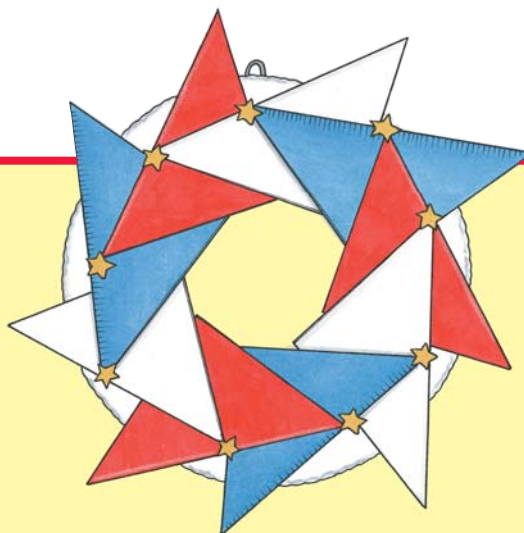
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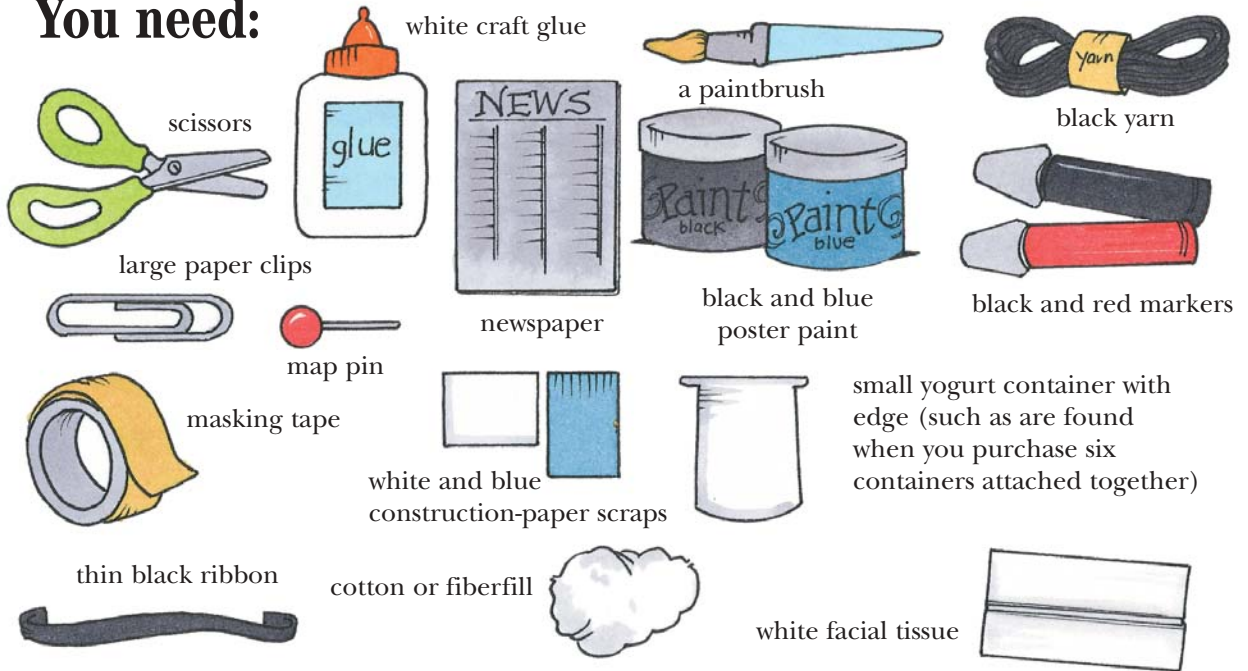
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Presidents' Day, celebrated in February, is a day to honor our great presidents.

George Washington and Abraham Lincoln Puppets

You need:



What you do to make the basic puppet:



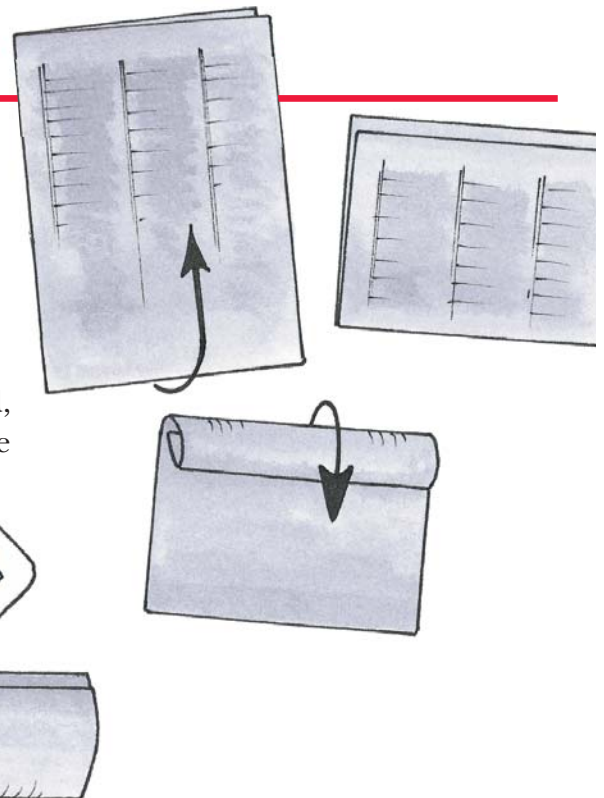
1 Close a double sheet of newspaper. Fold it in half from top to bottom.



2 Starting on the edge that is not folded, roll the newspaper into a tube to make the body of the puppet.

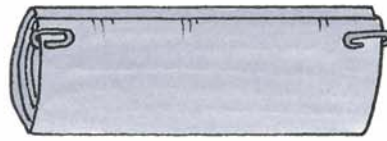


3 Secure the fold with glue.

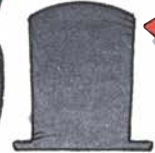
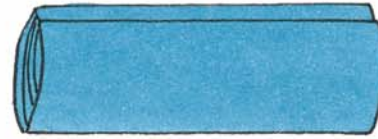




Slide a paper clip over each end of the tube to hold the rolled newspaper in place until the glue dries.



Paint the entire newspaper tube blue to make a George Washington puppet and black to make an Abraham Lincoln puppet. For Lincoln, you will also need to paint the outside of the yogurt container black for a top hat.



To make George Washington:



Wrap four inches (10 cm) at one end of the tube with masking tape to make the head.



Use the markers to draw a face on the masking tape.



Glue cotton around the face and on the back of the head for hair. Tie the back of the cotton hair with a black ribbon to resemble the style of colonial times.



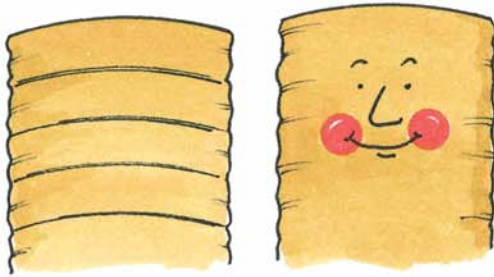
Wrap a piece of folded tissue around the neck of the puppet for a collar. Secure the collar with glue. Stick a map pin in the center of the tissue collar to look like a stickpin.



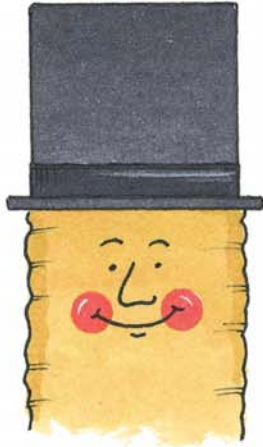
Cut a blue paper rectangle to wrap around the puppet for a coat. Fold the top corners back in the front of the paper coat to look like lapels.



To make Abe Lincoln:



Wrap four inches (10 cm) at one end of the tube with masking tape to make the head.



Use the markers to draw a face on the masking tape.



Glue the yogurt container to the top of the puppet for the top hat. Glue the band of black ribbon around the hat to make the hatband.



Cut a triangle from the white paper to look like a shirtfront under a black suit. Add details to the shirt with the black marker.



Glue yarn bits around the face for a beard and over the sides and back of the head for hair.

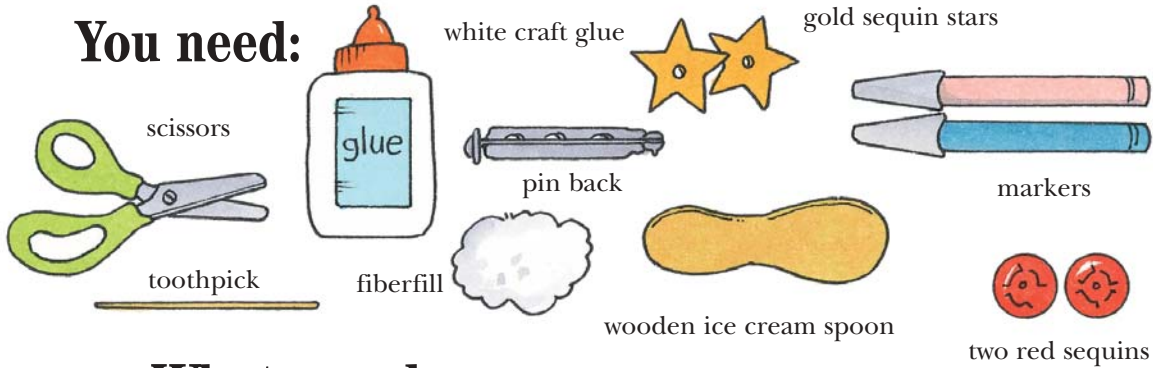


You might want to make puppets of other presidents to add to your puppet collection.

Uncle Sam is a symbolic patriotic figure with the initials, U.S.

Uncle Sam Lapel Pin

You need:



What you do:



Cut the pointed ends off the toothpick. Use a marker to color the toothpick blue.



Color the handle end of the spoon red and blue for the hat. Color the eating end of the spoon pink for the face.



Draw eyes, nose and a mouth on the face with markers.



Glue the toothpick across the bottom. Glue fiberfill around the face for hair and a beard.



Glue the two sequins on each side of the mouth for cheeks. Decorate the hatband by gluing on some star sequins.



Glue a pin back to the back of the spoon.

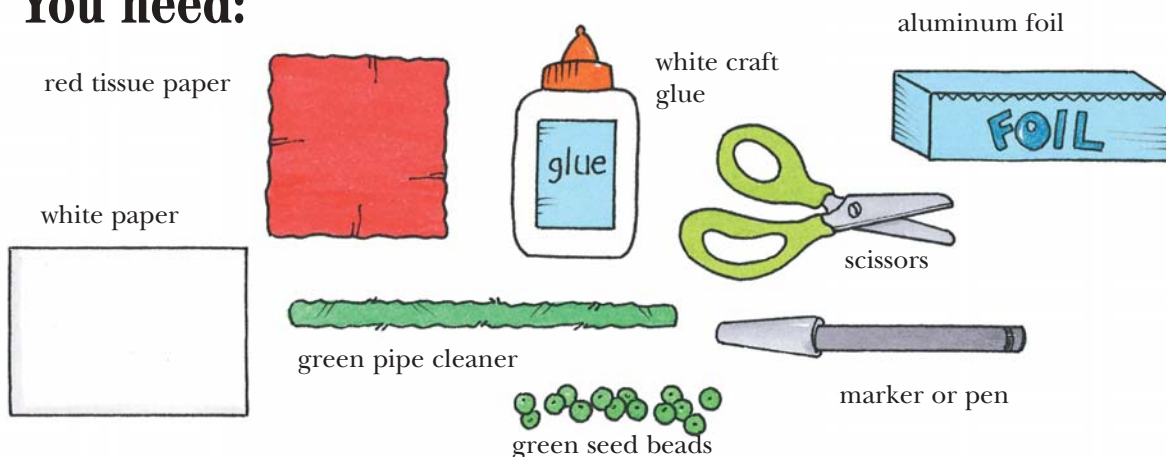
You can also use this project as a magnet by attaching a piece of sticky-back magnet to the back in place of the pin back.



On Memorial Day, celebrated on the last Monday in May, you will often see veterans selling poppies in memory of those people who died for our country.

Memorial Day Poppy

You need:



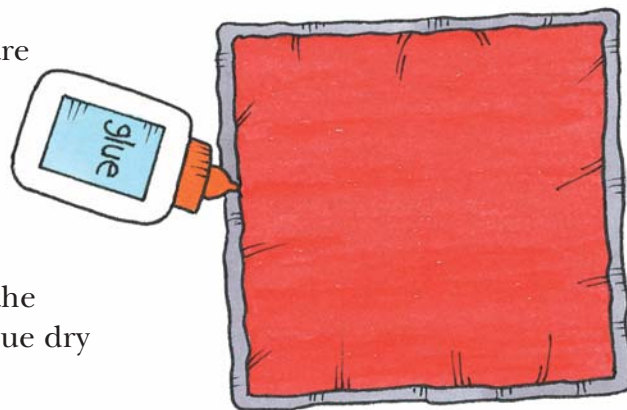
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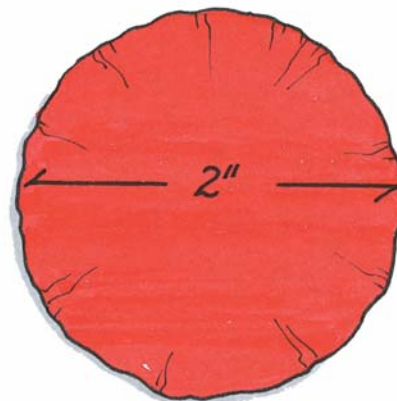
Cut a 3-inch (8-cm) square of aluminum foil and a 3-inch square of red tissue paper.



Glue the red tissue square over the aluminum foil square. Let the glue dry completely before continuing.



Cut a 2-inch (5-cm) circle from the tissue-covered foil to make the poppy.





Poke a 6-inch (15-cm) piece of green pipe cleaner through the center of the poppy for the stem. Bend the end of the stem to one side and glue it to the center of the flower.



Cover the center of the poppy with glue. Sprinkle the glue with green seed beads to make the center of the poppy.



Cut a thin 4-inch strip (10-cm) from the white paper. Fold the strip of paper in half and glue it around the stem of the poppy.



Use the marker or pen to write Memorial Day and the date on the paper strip.

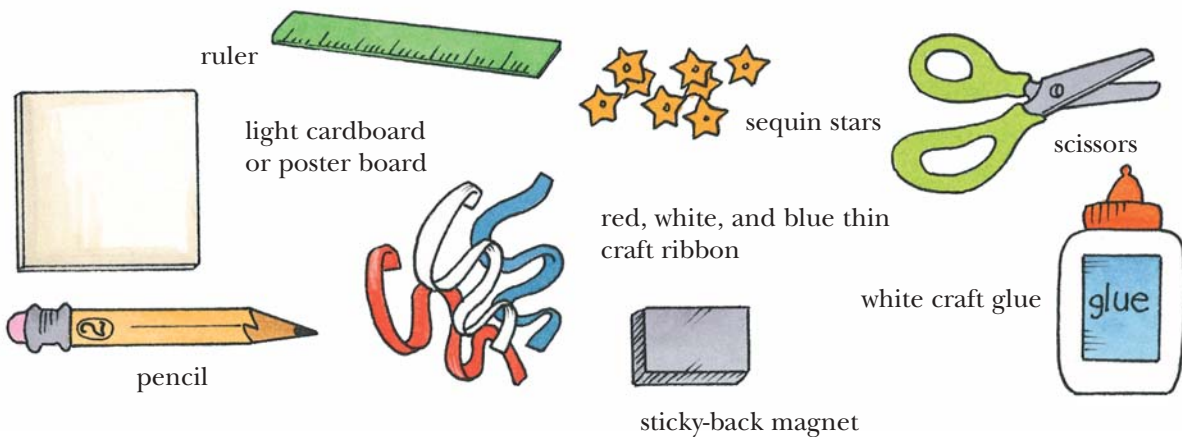
You can stick the stem of the poppy through a buttonhole to wear it on Memorial Day.



Here's a new way to display the red, white, and blue.

Ribbon Flag Magnet

You need:



What you do:



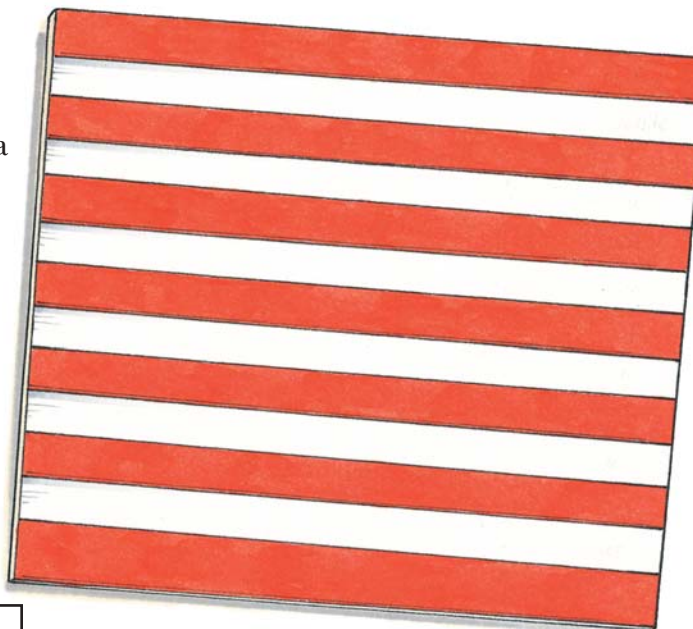
Cut seven 4-inch (10-cm) pieces of red ribbon and six 4-inch pieces of white ribbon.



Beginning in the corner of the piece of cardboard, glue a piece of red ribbon along the top edge. Glue a piece of white ribbon underneath it. Alternate colors, ending with a red piece, to make the stripes of the flag.



Trim around the flag to remove the excess cardboard and even out the ends of the ribbons.

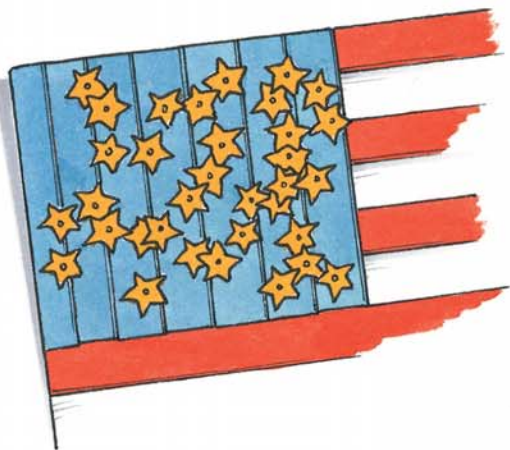




Cut seven 1½-inch (3.8-cm) pieces of the blue ribbon.



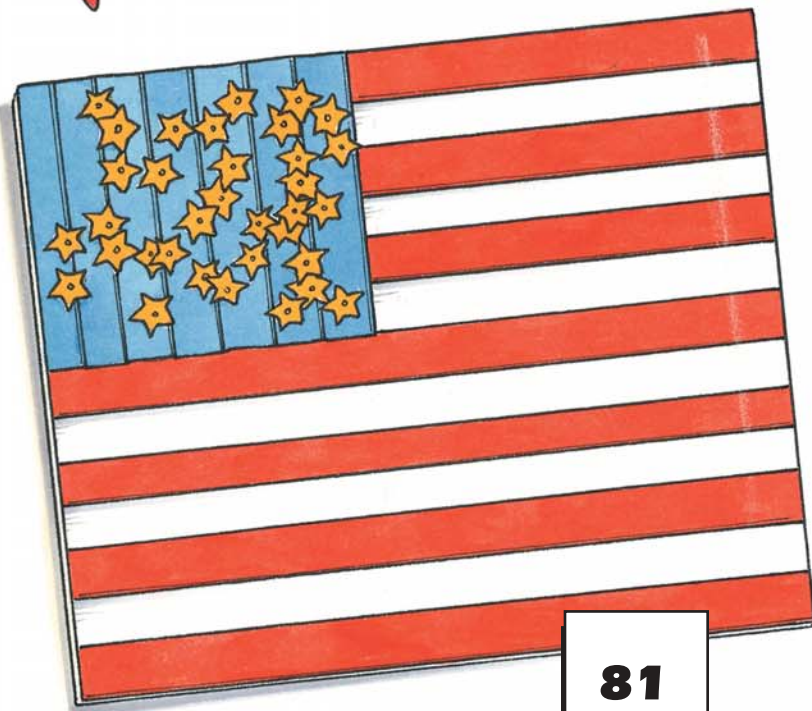
Glue the blue ribbon pieces to the top left corner of the flag, side-by-side, to make the blue field for the stars.



Cover the blue ribbon field with glue and sprinkle it with gold sequin stars.



Put a piece of sticky-back magnet on the back of the flag.



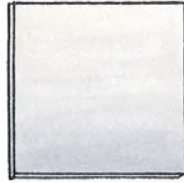
Stick your flag magnet on the refrigerator to remind you of the wonderful country you live in.

Make this unusual flag to hang in celebration of Flag Day on June 14.

Flag Mosaic

You need:

light cardboard or poster board



red construction paper



red ribbon



scissors



white craft glue

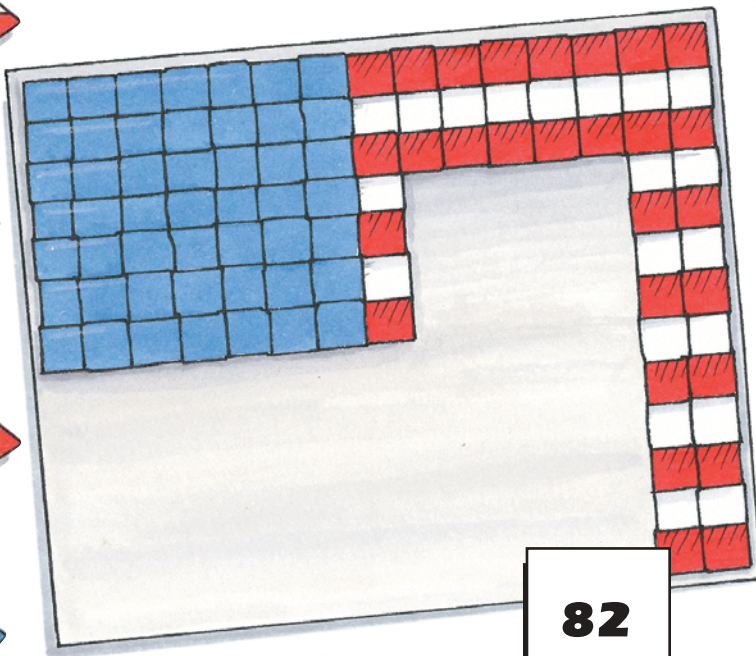
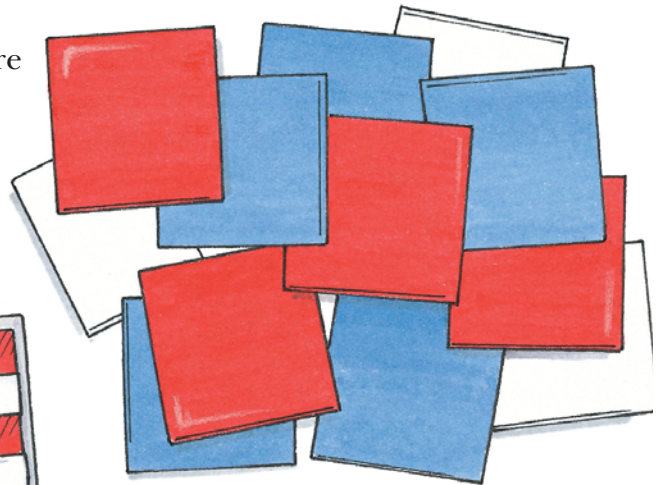


red, white, blue, and yellow disposable plastic containers (laundry detergent containers work well)

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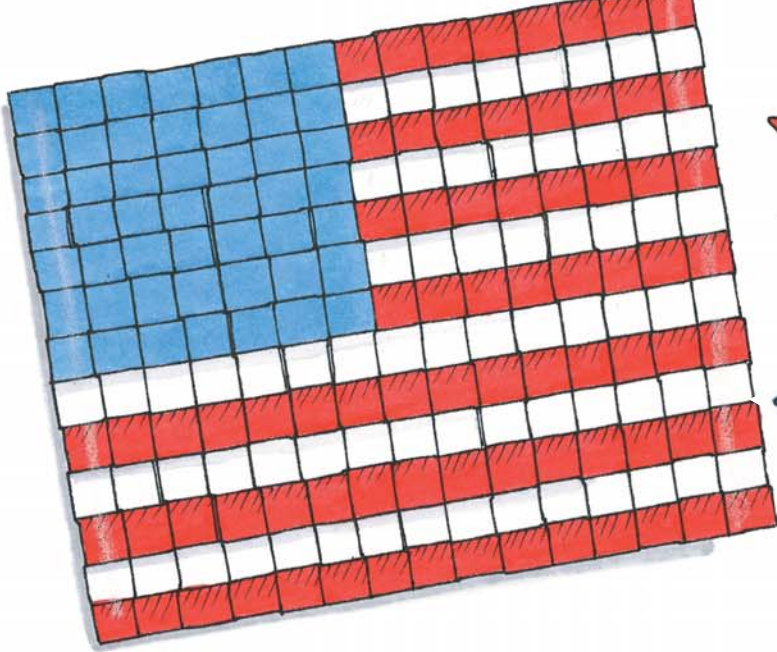
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Make sure the plastic containers are completely clean and dry before using them for crafts. Cut the red, white, and blue plastic into lots of 1-inch (2.5-cm) pieces.



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Arrange the pieces on the cardboard to make an American flag.



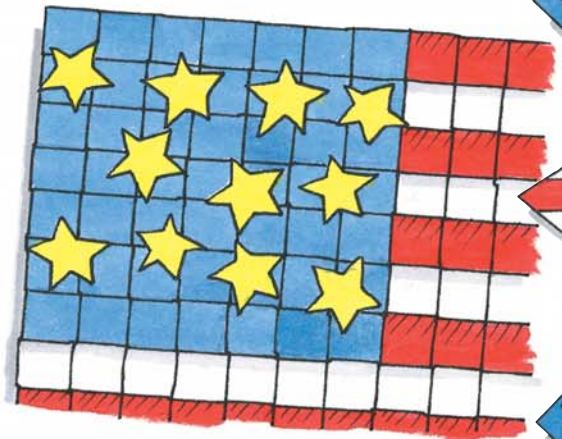
When you are happy with the arrangement of the plastic pieces, glue them to the cardboard.



When the glue has dried, trim away the excess cardboard around the flag.



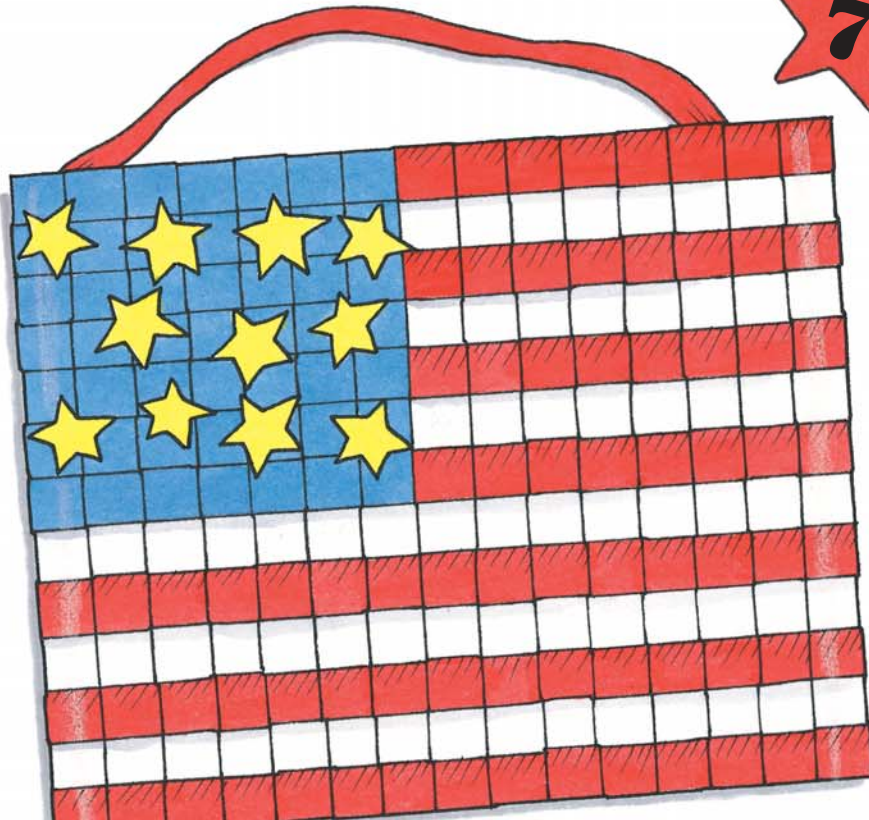
Cut stars from the yellow plastic. Glue the stars on the blue section of the flag mosaic.



Cut a 2-foot (60-cm) piece of the red ribbon. Glue one end of the ribbon near each of the top corners of the back of the cardboard to make a hanger for the flag.



Cover the back of the flag by gluing the red construction paper over it.

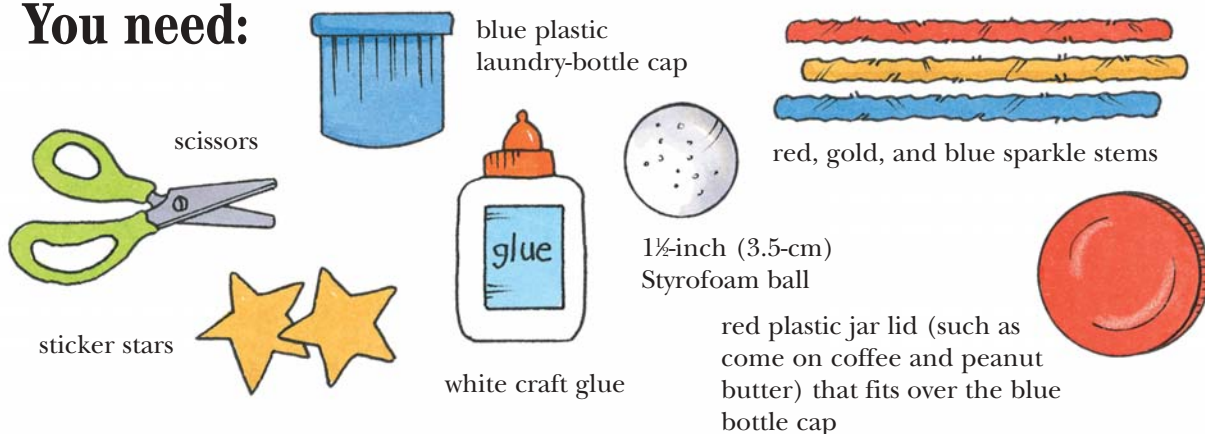


This flag mosaic would look wonderful hanging on your front door.

Fireworks are often a part of celebrating Independence Day.

Fireworks Trinket Box

You need:



What you do:



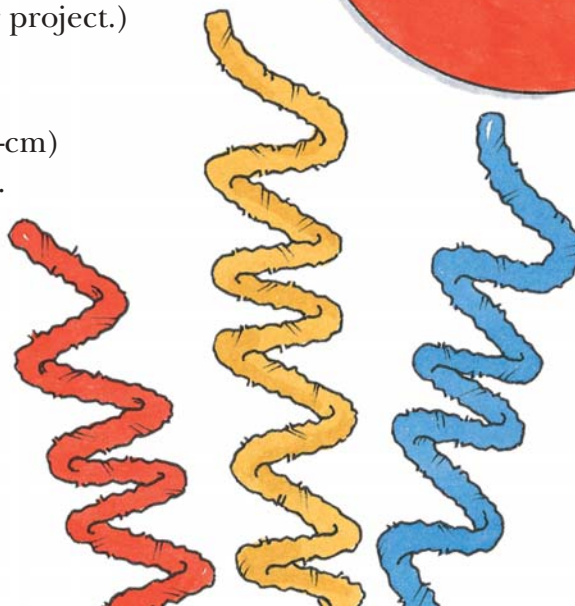
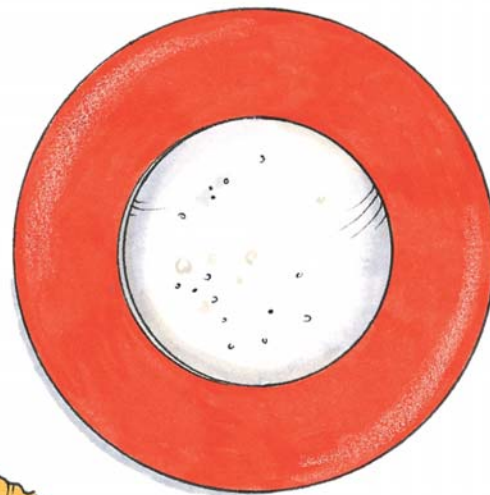
The blue cap will be the bottom of the container and the red lid the top. Make sure that both lids have been washed thoroughly.



Cut the Styrofoam ball in half. Glue the flat side of one half of the ball to the top center of the red lid. (Save the other half for another project.)

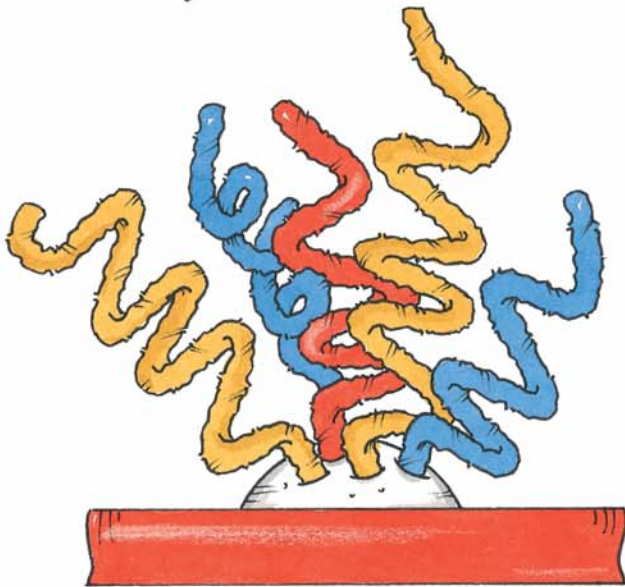


Cut several 6-inch (15-cm) pieces of sparkle stem. Wrap each stem around your finger to make a spiral.



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Dip the end of each spiral in glue, then poke it into the Styrofoam ball on top of the red lid.

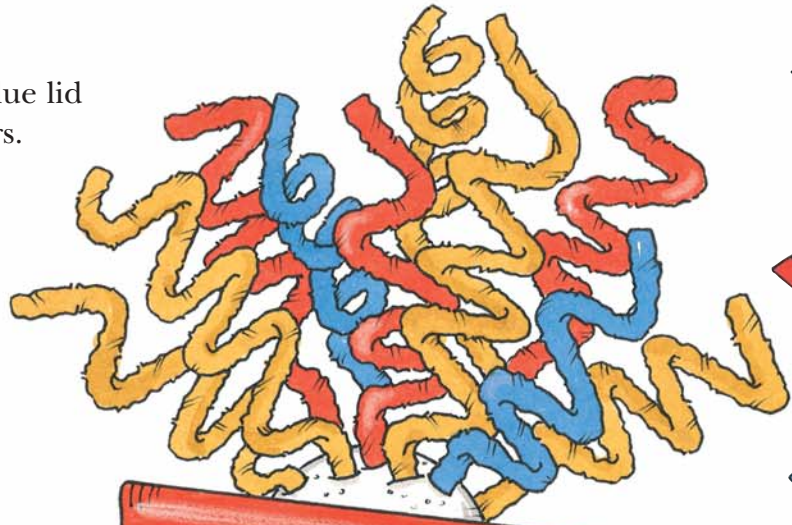


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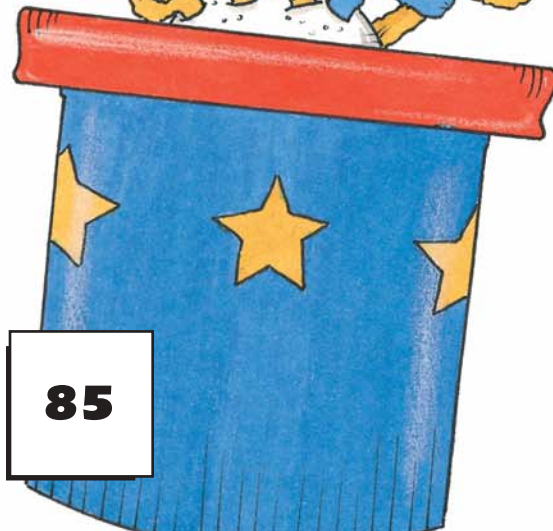
Cover the Styrofoam half with sparkle stems to look like exploding fireworks.

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Decorate the blue lid with sticker stars.



Keep coins or other small items in this container.



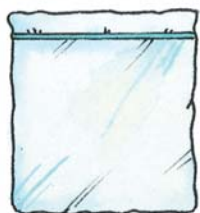
Make your own patriotic flying disc to play with at a Fourth of July picnic.

Patriotic Flying Disc

You need:



two 9-inch (23-cm)
red plastic plates



gallon-size clear
plastic bag



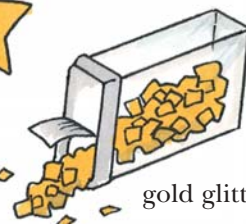
scissors



red, white, and
blue sequins



gold sequin stars



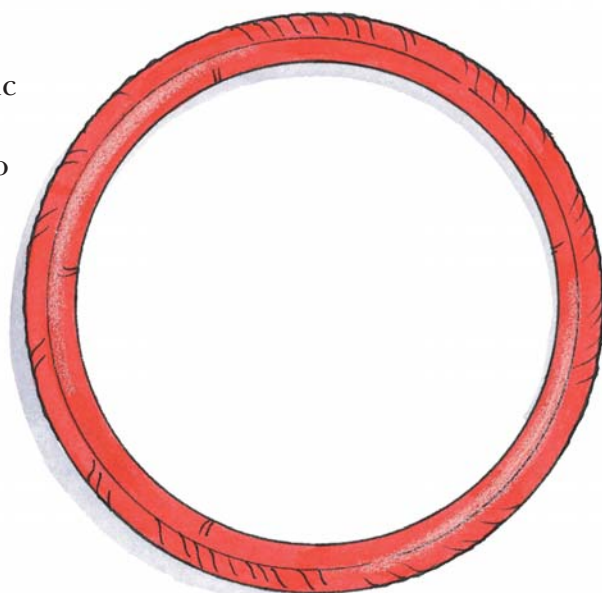
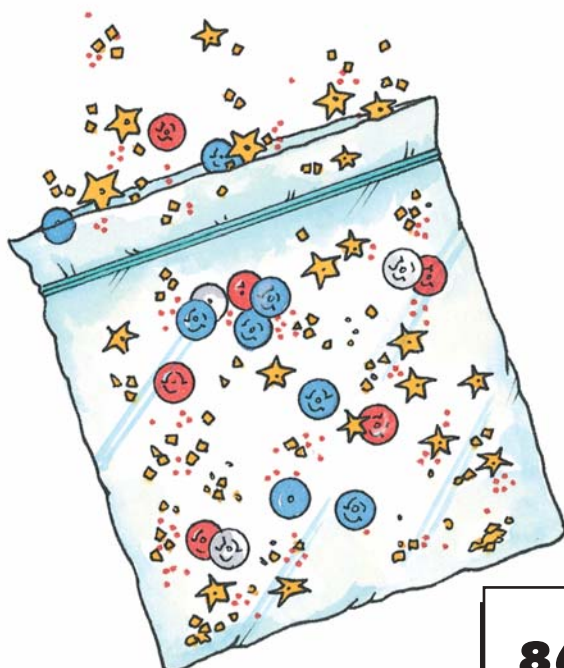
gold glitter

stapler

What you do:

1

Cut the center out of both red plastic plates without cutting through the edge. (Hint: save the plate centers to make the heart necklace found on page 42–43.)



2

Put a small amount of the sequins and glitter into the plastic bag.

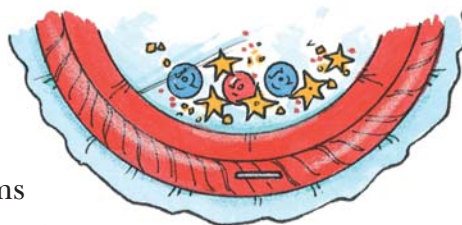
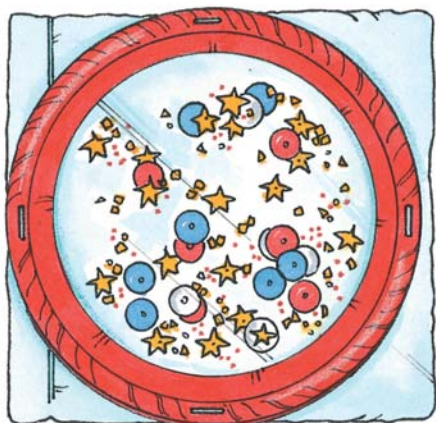
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Place the filled bag over the top of one of the plate rims.



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Cover the first rim and the bag with the second rim, making sure the contents of the bag are all in the center portion of the rims.

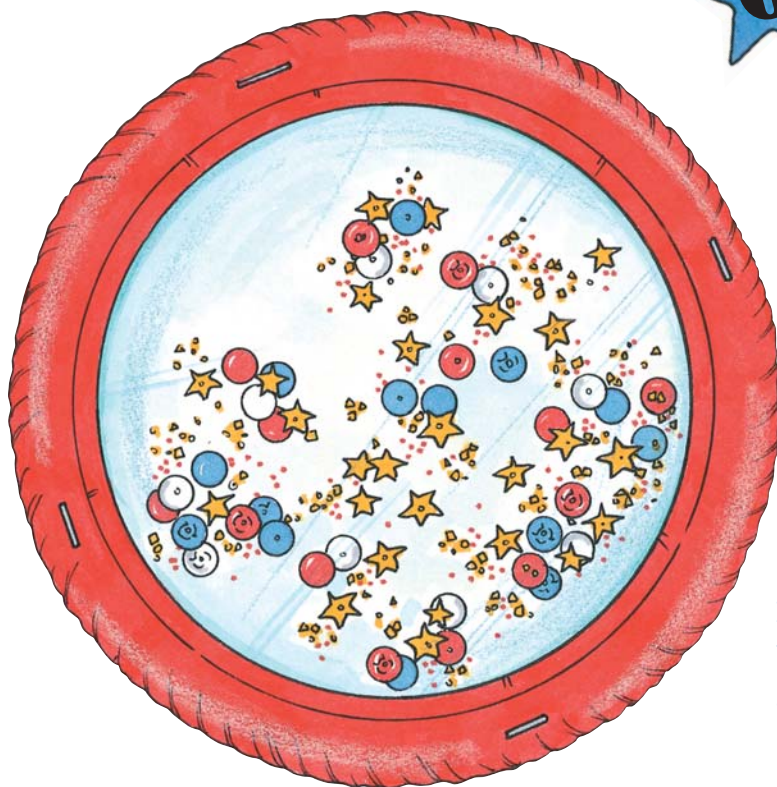


5

Pull the edges of the bag tight across the bottom rim and staple the two rims together. Make sure the plastic is pulled tight across the rim.

6

Trim the excess plastic bag from around the outside of the rims. Shake the flying disc to evenly distribute the sequins and glitter in the center.



Dogs love flying discs, but better to toss this one with a human friend!

Hang this wreath on your front door on Election Day
to remind people to vote.

Pinwheel Wreath

You need:



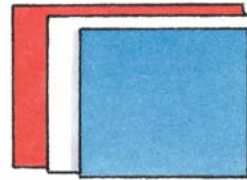
9-inch (30-cm)
uncoated white
paper plate



white craft glue

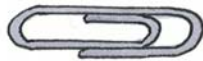


gold sticker stars

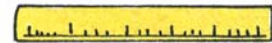


red, white, and blue
construction paper

scissors



large paper clip

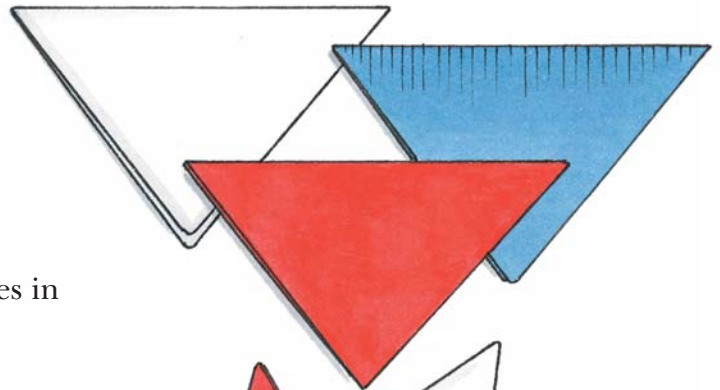


ruler

What you do:



Cut three 4-inch (10-cm)
squares from each of the
three colors of construction
paper.



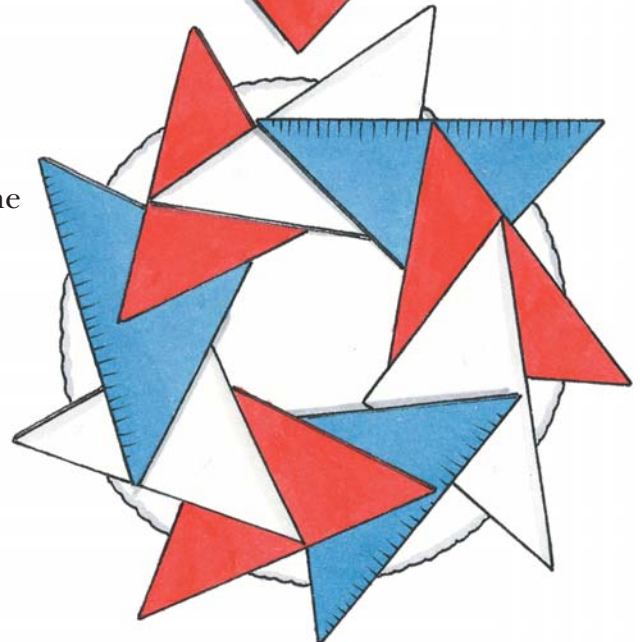
Fold each of the nine squares in
half to make triangles.



Cut the center from the paper
plate without cutting the rim. The
rim will be the base for the
wreath.



Arrange the nine triangles
around the rim of the wreath
as shown, alternating the three
colors.





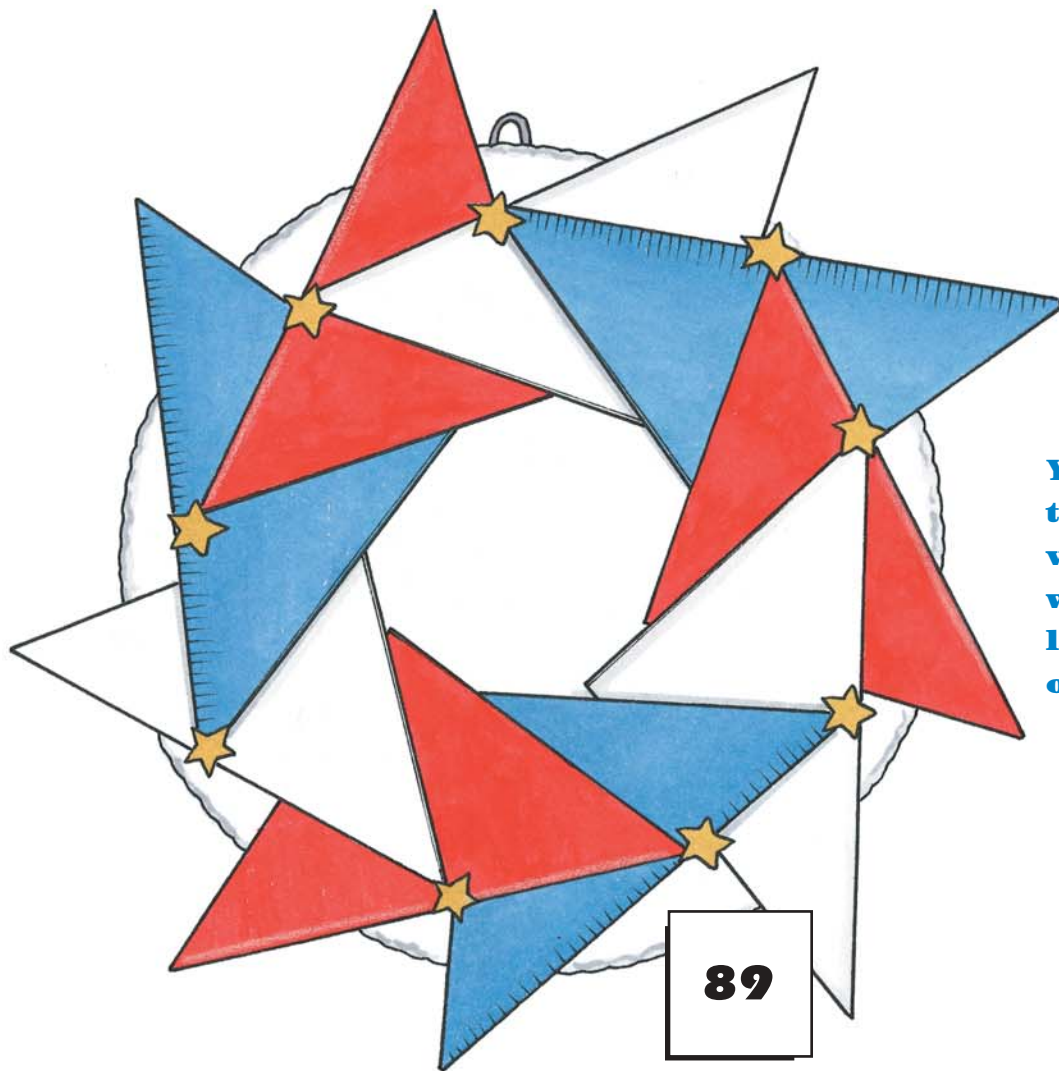
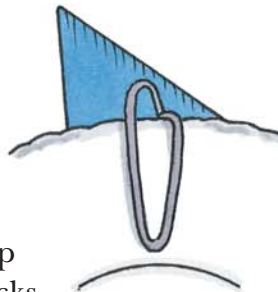
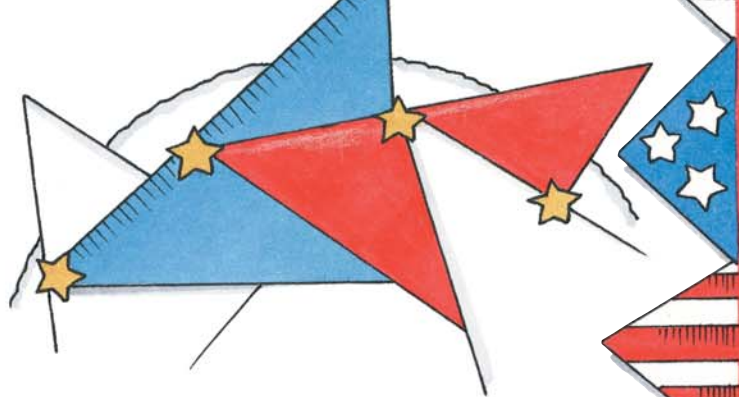
When you are happy with your arrangement, glue the triangles to the plate rim and to each other where they overlap.



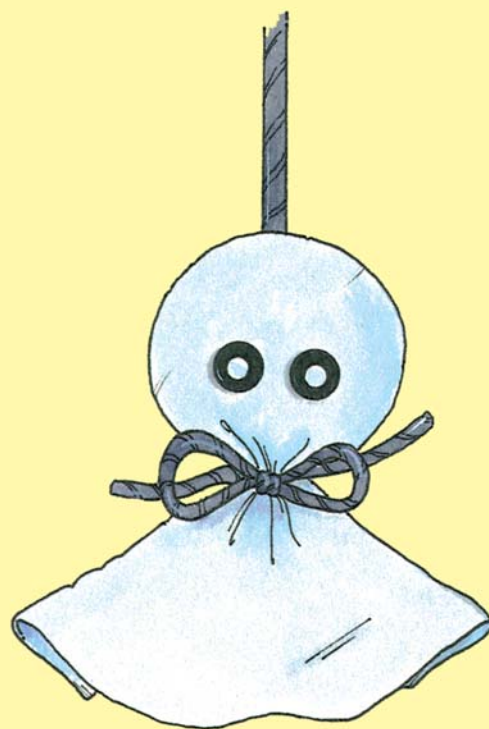
Decorate the wreath with sticker stars.



Slide the large paper clip over the top of the plate frame so that the end sticks up to use as a hanger.



You might want to make a larger version of this wreath by using larger squares of paper.



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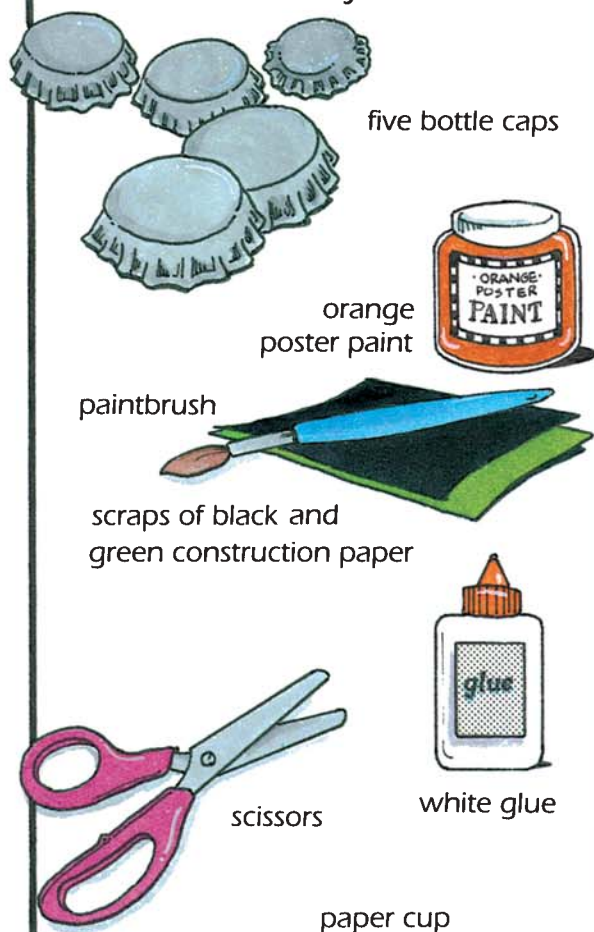
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Pumpkin Numbers Game

Here is what you need:



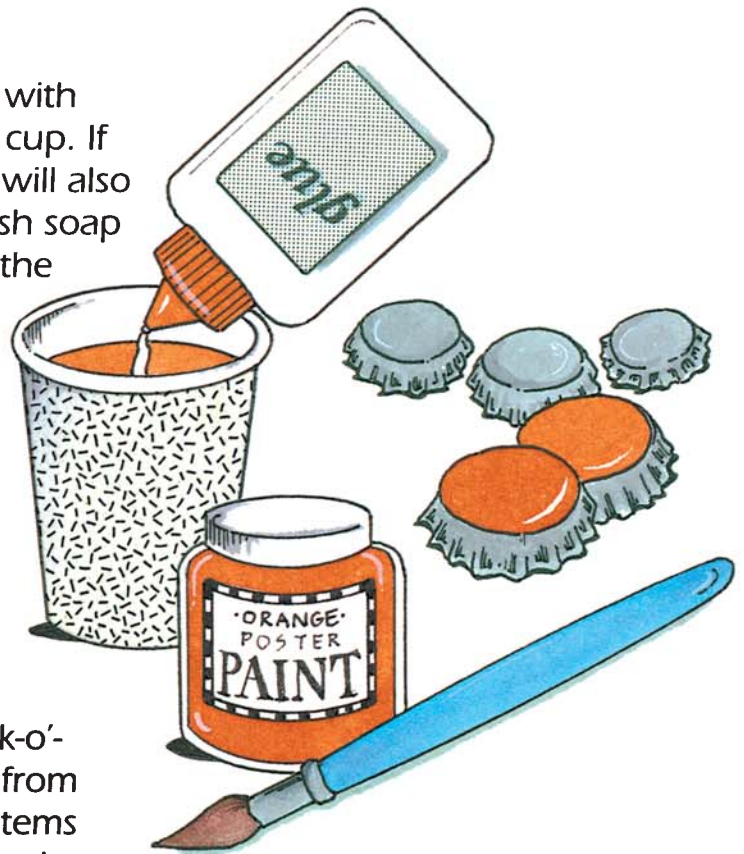
Here is what you do:

1. Cut a black circle to fit inside each cap, and glue the circles in.



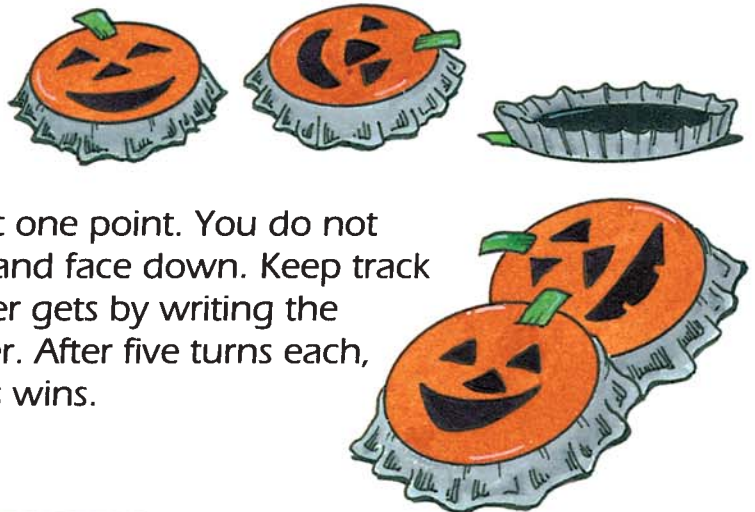


2. Mix a few drops of glue with orange paint in a paper cup. If you are using poster paint, you will also need to add a squirt of liquid dish soap to the mixture to help it stick to the metal caps. Paint the top and sides of the five caps with this mixture.



3. Cut tiny jack-o'-lantern faces from black paper and stems from green paper for the five caps. Set the faces and stems on the cap while the paint and glue mixture is still wet. Let the pumpkins dry before you play the game.

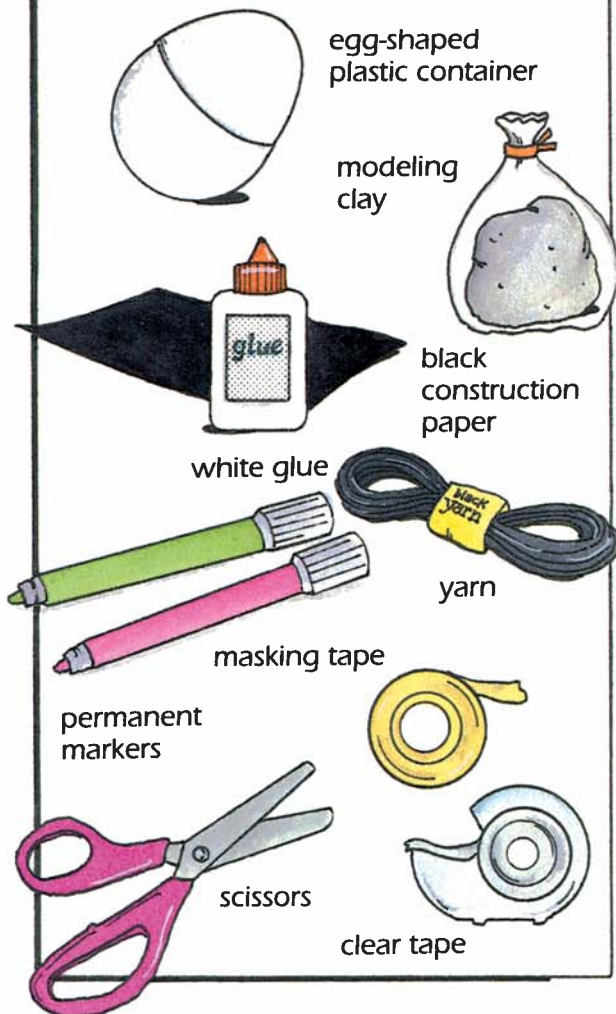
To play the pumpkin numbers game, take turns tossing the pumpkins on the floor or table. For each pumpkin that lands with the face showing, you get one point. You do not get a point for pumpkins that land face down. Keep track of how many points each player gets by writing the score down on a piece of paper. After five turns each, the player with the most points wins.





Wobbly Witch

Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

1. Press enough clay into the bottom half of the egg to make it stand up when the top is placed back on it. Put two or three strips of masking tape in the bottom of the egg. Then glue the clay in place on top of the tape. Leave the egg open until it dries completely, and then put it together.





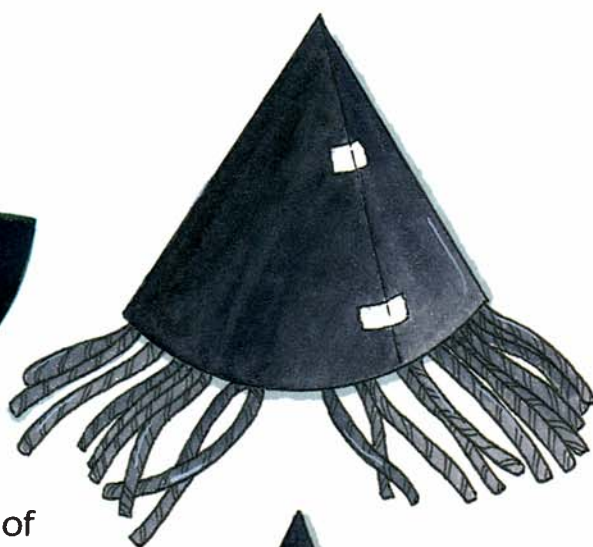
2.

Cut a semicircle from black paper and fold it into a cone for the witch's hat.

Secure it with clear tape. Glue strands of unraveled yarn around half of the hat for hair, and tape the hat to the top of the egg.

Cut a circle larger than the bottom of the hat for the brim. Cut an X-shaped slit in the center of the circle and carefully slide it over the

point of the hat to form the brim. Tape it in place.



3.

Draw a witch face with the markers.

Push this witch over, and she will pop right up again.





Can Cat Shaker

Witches like black cats for pets.

Here is what you need:

empty soda can



black poster paint



scraps of green, yellow, and black construction paper



paintbrush

white glue



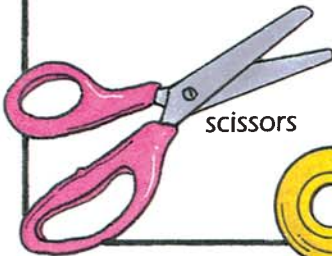
a few small stones or pennies



yellow yarn



scissors



clear tape



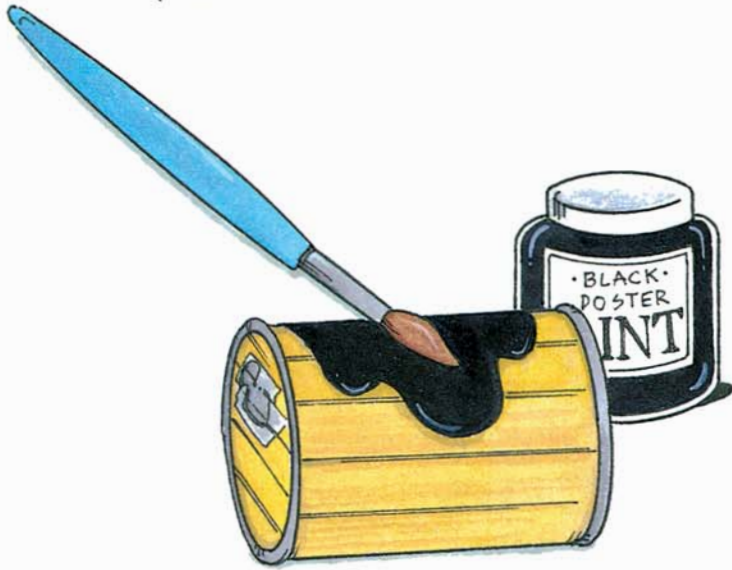
masking tape



Here is what you do:

- 1.** Drop a few stones or pennies into the can and put clear tape over the opening so they will not spill out when you shake the can.





2. If you are using poster paint, you will need to cover the sides and top of the can with masking tape, leaving the spout uncovered. Bend the soda can by placing it on the floor and stepping on it just below the spout in the top of the can. Paint the top and sides of the can black, and let the paint dry.



3. Cut eyes and ears from scrap paper and glue them in place above the opening of the can, which forms the cat's mouth. Make whiskers by knotting two pieces of yarn together in the middle and trimming the ends to the length you want the whiskers to be. Glue them on just above the mouth.

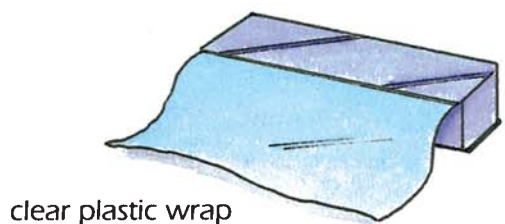
Shake your can cat in time to your favorite Halloween songs!





Transparent Ghost

Here is what you need:



clear plastic wrap



plastic drinking straw



black yarn



self-stick
hole reinforcers



black marker



clear tape

Here is what you do:

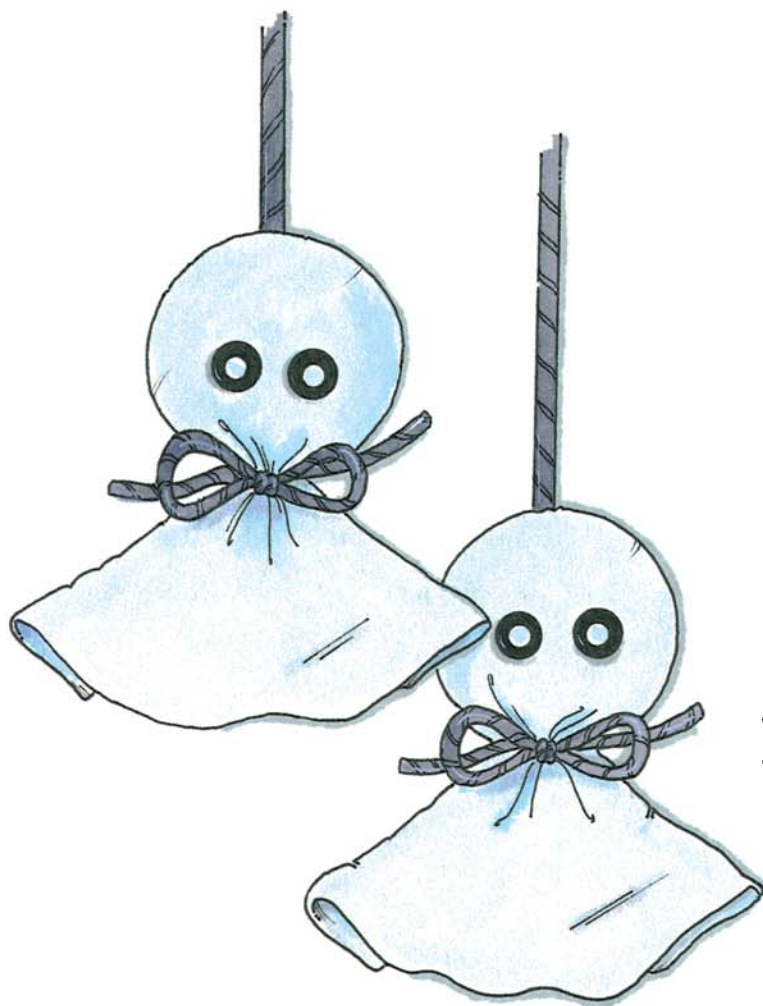
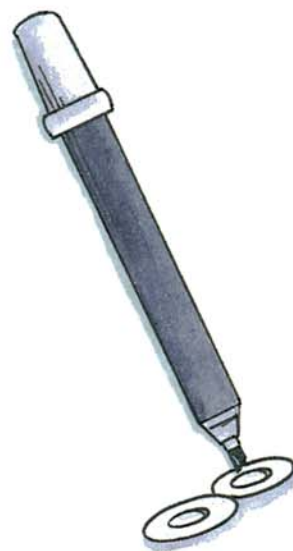
1. Rip off a square of plastic wrap. Tie the wrap over the top of the straw so that it hangs down evenly around it to form a ghost. Blow up the head of the ghost through the straw. Carefully pull the straw out and tie the yarn tight in a bow to capture the air.





2.

Color two hole reinforcers black and stick them on the head of the ghost for eyes. Tape a piece of yarn to the back of the ghost's head to hang it from the ceiling.



If your ghost loses air after a while, just insert the straw and blow it up again.





Pop-up Ghost Party Favor

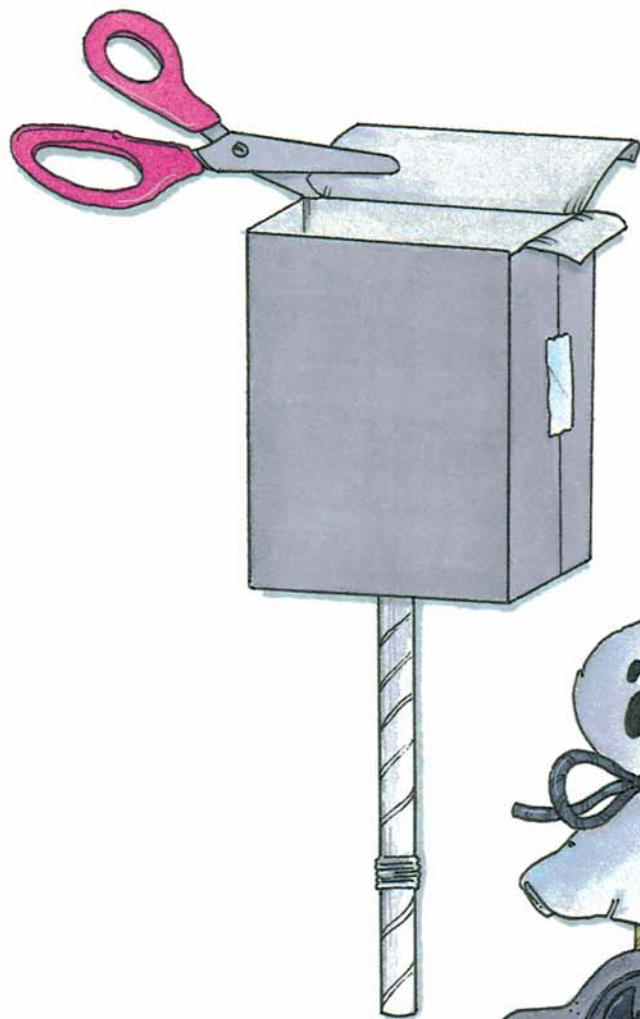
Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

1. Tie a tissue around the lollipop to make a ghost. Give him a spooky face with the black marker. Slide the lollipop stick into one end of a straw and secure it with tape.





2. Cut the flaps off the open (top) end of your box. Poke a hole through the bottom large enough to fit the straw. Cover the box with gray paper and tape it in place. Cut a tombstone shape to glue on the front of the box. Write something funny on the tombstone, using the name of the friend you will be giving the favor to.



3. Slide the straw down through the hole in the bottom of the box so that the ghost is hidden behind the tombstone. To make him pop out, just push up the bottom of the straw.



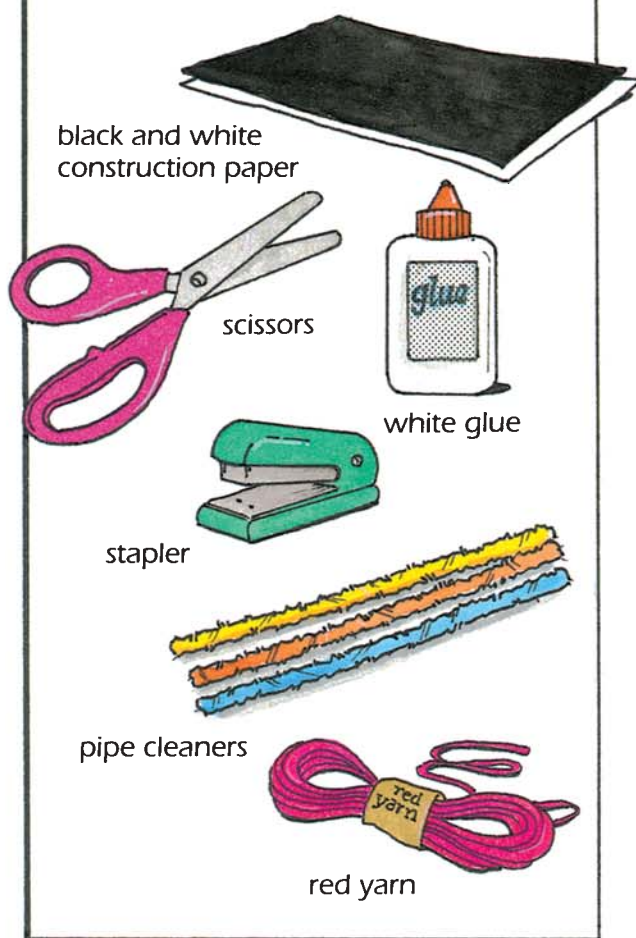
These make great candy favors for a Halloween party!





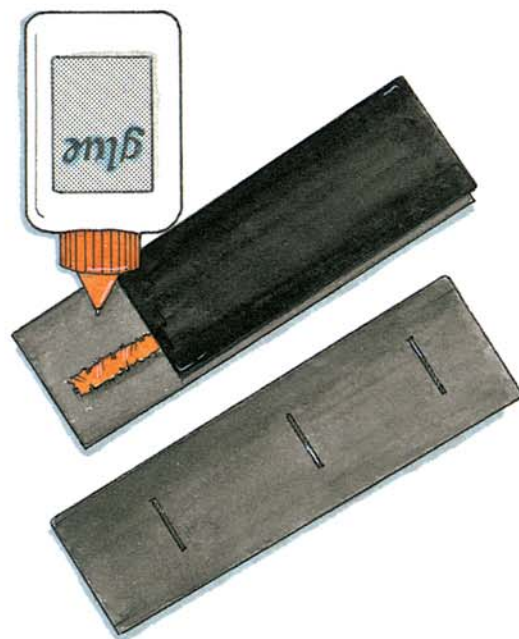
Spider Hat

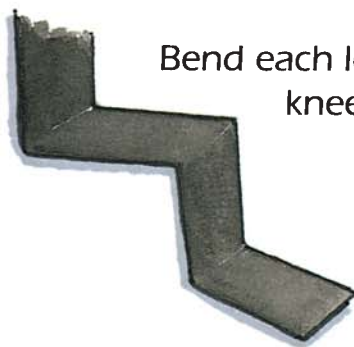
Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

1. Cut sixteen strips of black paper. To make each of the spider's eight legs, glue two strips together with a pipe cleaner in the middle. Staple the front and back of each leg together in three places so the pieces will hold together while the glue is drying.



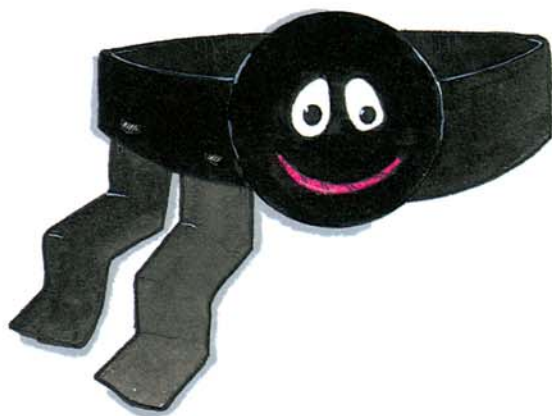


Bend each leg to form knees and feet.

2. Cut a black paper headband large enough to fit around your head. Cut a circle to make a head for the spider, and glue it to the middle of the headband. Add eyes cut from paper, and a red yarn smile.



Staple four legs on each side of the spider's head. Then staple the headband to fit your head.



Put on your hat and go find Miss Muffet.



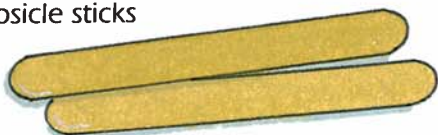


Owl Message Can

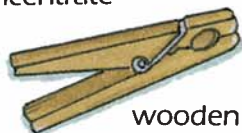
Use this owl both day and night.

Here is what you need:

Popsicle sticks



cardboard can
from frozen juice
concentrate



wooden
clothespin

brown
and white
construction
paper
scraps



brown and
orange poster paint



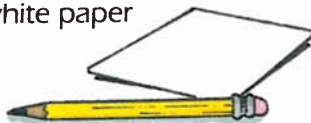
white
glue



paintbrush

white paper

pencil



Here is what you do:

1.

Cover the outside of the can with glue. Then glue the Popsicle sticks all around the can to cover it. Break three sticks in half and glue them on each side of the can to form wings. Paint the sticks brown and let them dry.





2. Glue the clothespin on the top portion of the can, with the end that you pinch sticking up over the top of the can. Paint it orange. This is the owl's beak. Cut eyes from scrap paper and glue them in place.

Put squares of white paper and a pencil inside the owl can. Messages can be clipped in the beak.



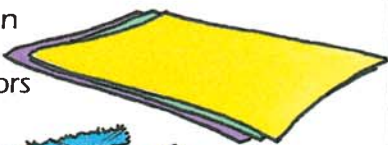


Goblin Game

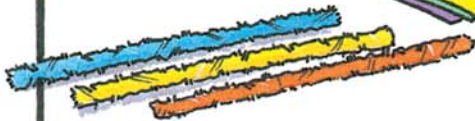
Goblins are scary little monsters. Make your own scary monsters to play the goblin game.

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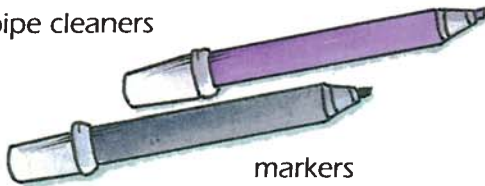
construction
paper in
several colors



pipe cleaners



markers



scissors



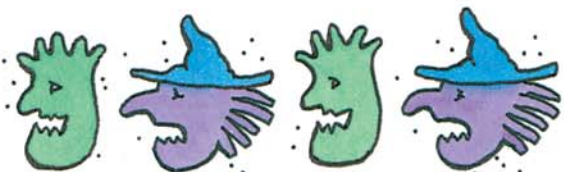
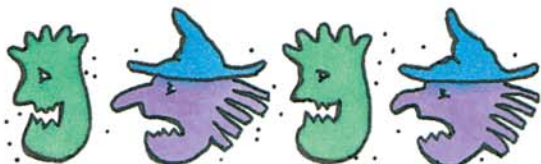
white glue

You will need at least ten goblins to play this game. Use different colors of paper and pipe cleaners for the different parts of each goblin.

Here is what you do:

1. For each goblin, cut two identical circles about the size of a quarter for the front and back of the head. Cut two larger circles for the front and back of the body. Cut two circles about half the size of the head for ears.

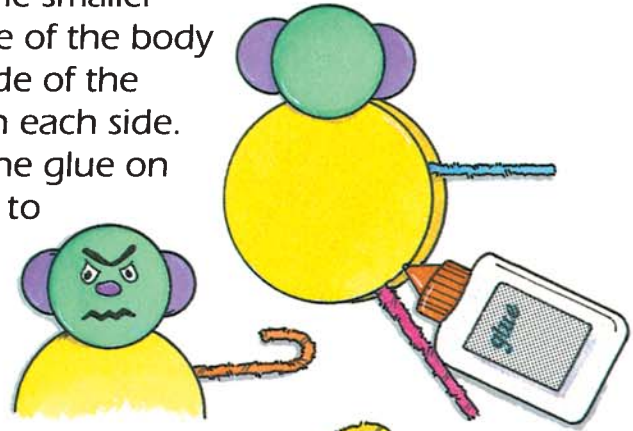
2. Cut three pipe cleaners in half to use for the arms, legs, and tail. You will need only five of these pieces for each goblin, so put one piece aside to use for your next goblin.





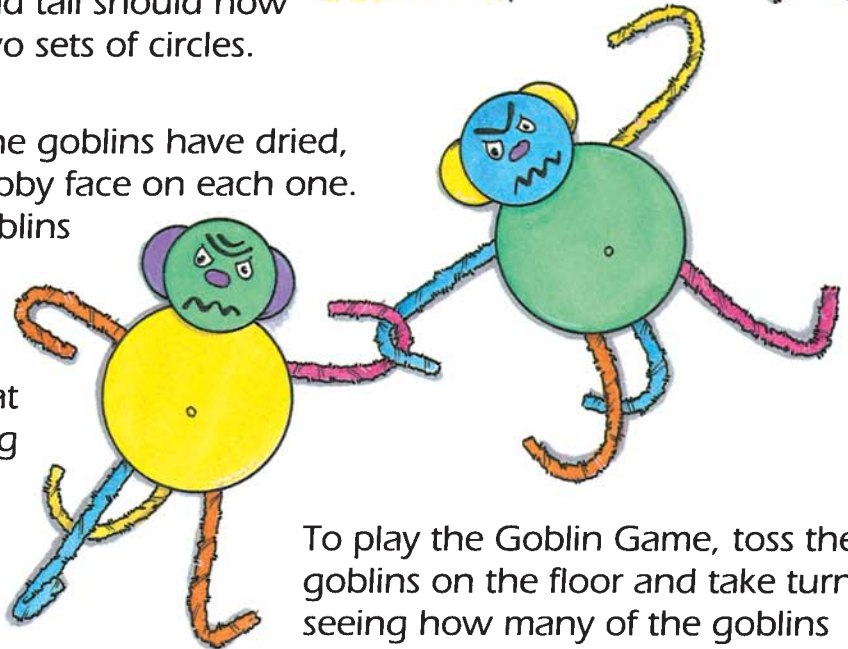
3.

Spread glue all over one side of the large body circles and one side of the smaller head circles. Set the head on the edge of the body circle and put an ear circle on each side of the head so that they stick halfway out on each side. Set the five pieces of pipe cleaner in the glue on the large circle so that they stick out to form the goblin's arms, legs, and tail. Stick the second body circle over the first body circle, and the second head circle over the first head circle. The ends of the legs and tail should now be between the two sets of circles.



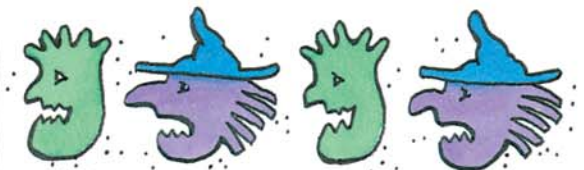
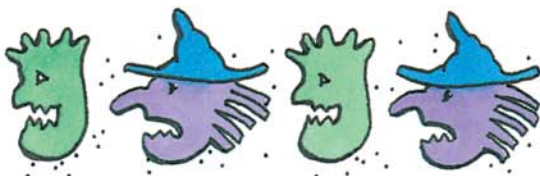
4.

When all the goblins have dried, draw a crabby face on each one. Remember that goblins are usually angry. Bend all the arms, legs, and tails into hook shapes so that the goblins can hang from each other, and you are ready to play the game.



To play the Goblin Game, toss the goblins on the floor and take turns seeing how many of the goblins you can hook on in a row. You can

hold only the first goblin, and your turn is over if any goblins drop off. Keep score to see who has hooked the most goblins after each player has had six turns.





Thanksgiving

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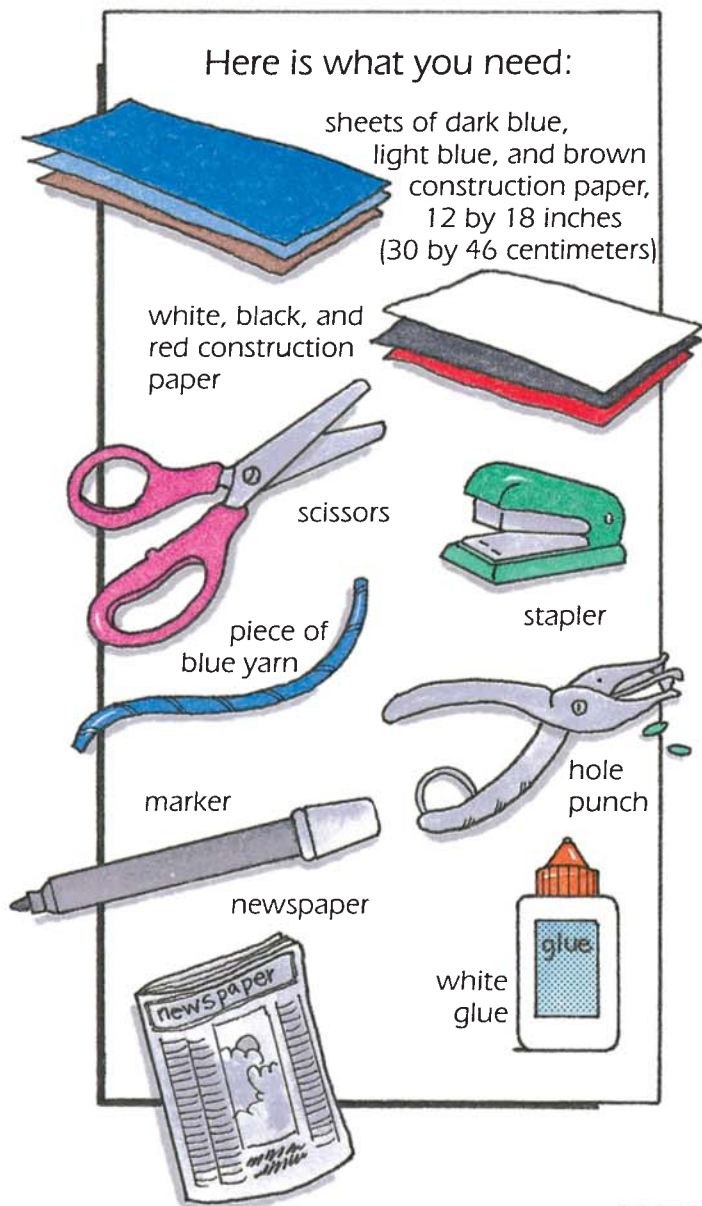




Mayflower Wall Hanging

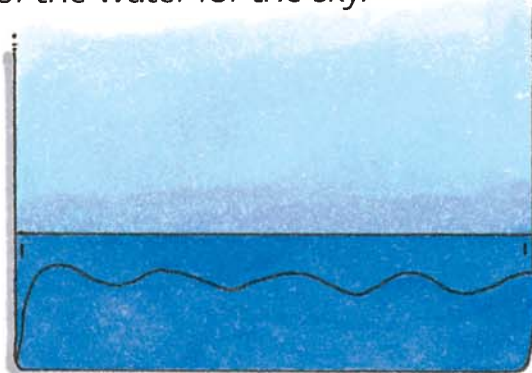
The Pilgrims made the long journey from England to America on a ship called the *Mayflower*.

Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

1. Cut waves along one side of the dark blue paper. Fold the waves about one third of the way up to form a pocket and staple the sides to hold the pocket in place. This will be the water. Staple the light blue paper behind the top of the water for the sky.



2. Fold the brown sheet of paper in half and cut out





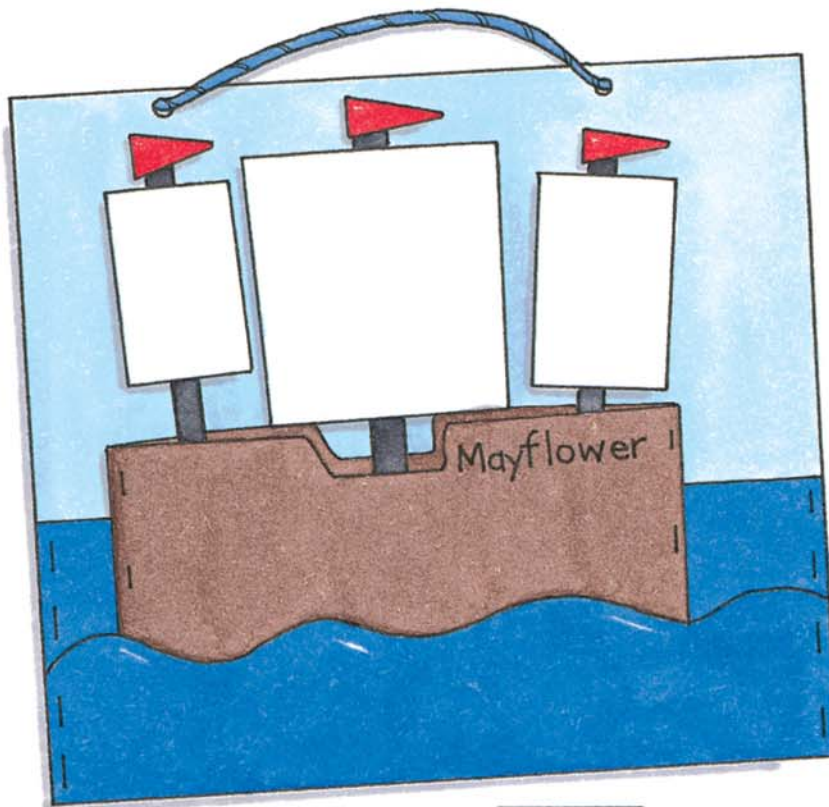
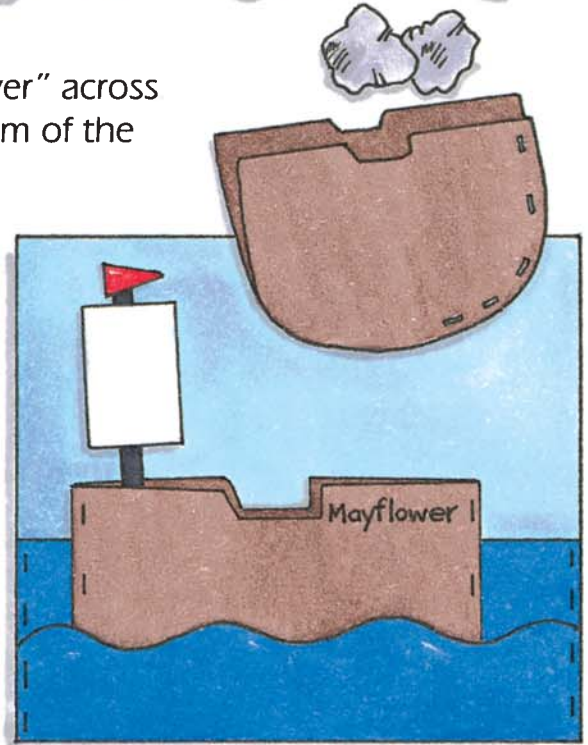
two identical boat shapes. Write "Mayflower" across the side. Staple around the sides and bottom of the ship and stuff some crumpled newspaper inside to puff it out. Put the ship in the wave pocket and glue it in place.

3.

Cut three masts from black paper and three sails from white paper and glue them in place. Cut red triangle flags and glue them to the top of each mast.

4.

Punch a hole in each side at the top of the picture, and tie yarn through the holes.

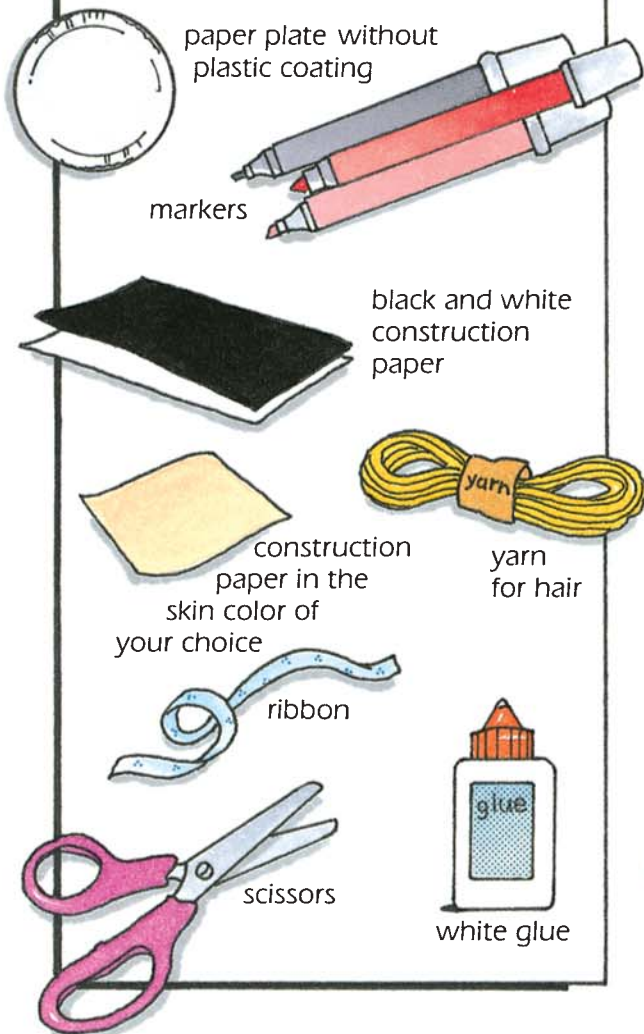


Find a wall for your ship to sail across.



Thankful Hands Pilgrim Girl

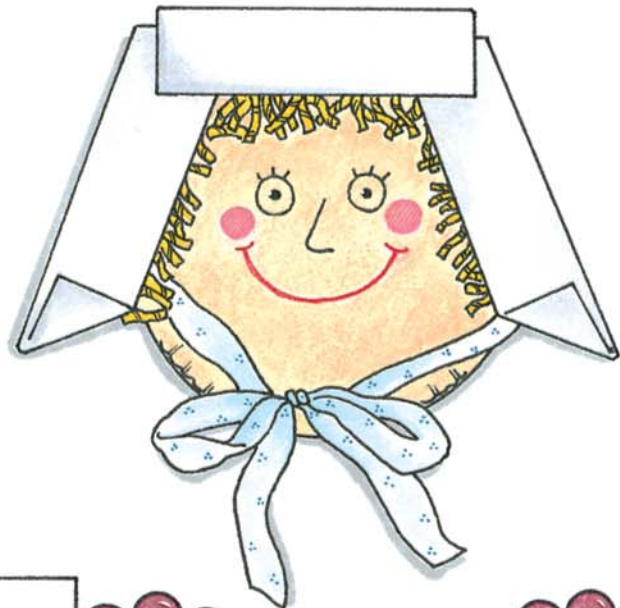
Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

1. If the plate is not close to your skin color, use markers to color it. Draw on a face with markers. Cut bits of yarn and glue them on for hair.

2. Cut three long rectangles from white paper and glue them across the top and sides of the head to make a hat.



While the glue is still wet, fold the bottom corners of the hat up and glue a piece of ribbon under each side of the hat. Tie the ends of the ribbon in a bow at the bottom of the face. Glue the bow to the plate.

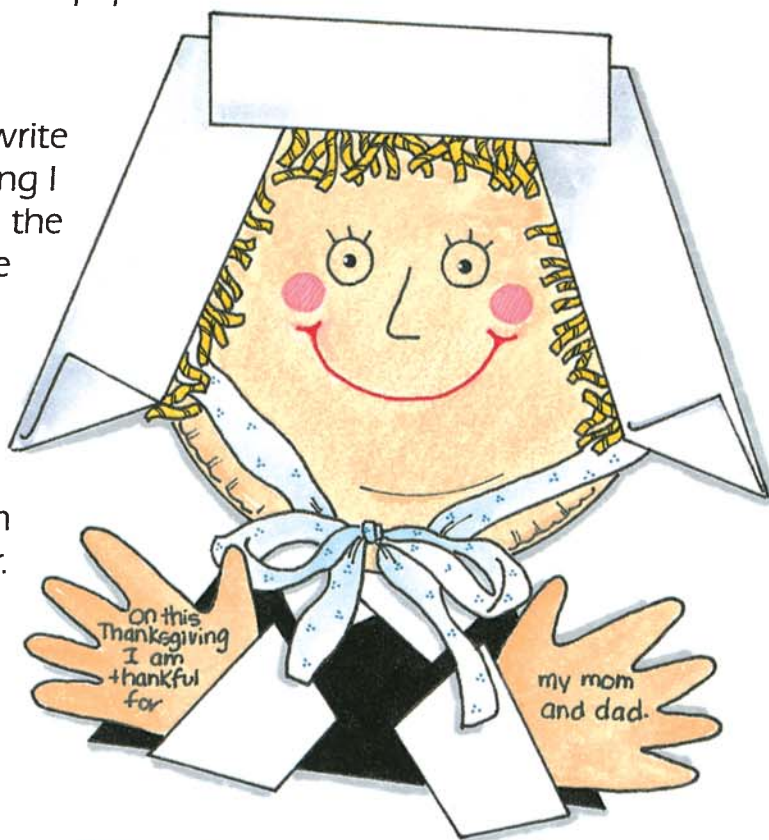
3. Cut a triangle-shaped piece from black paper, and glue the point behind the head so that the bottom forms shoulders.



4. Trace your hands onto skin-colored construction paper and cut them out. Glue them on each side of the Pilgrim as though they were being held "palms up" in front of her. Cut cuffs and collar from white paper and glue them in place.

5. On the right hand write "On this Thanksgiving I am thankful for . . .," and on the left hand write what you are thankful for and the date.

You might want to make a boy Pilgrim and a girl Pilgrim and hang them up together.

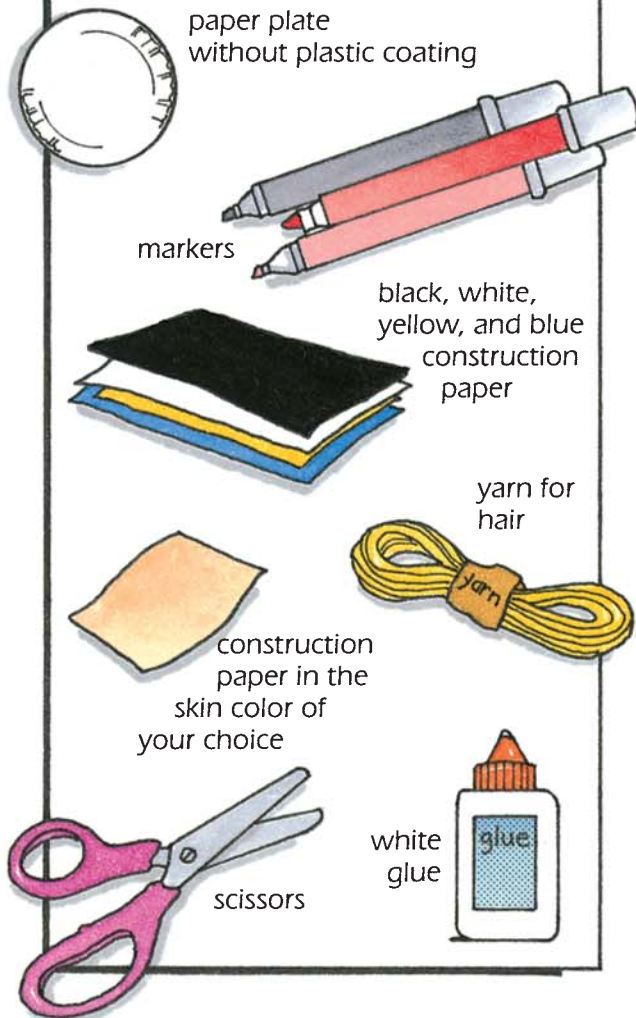




Thankful Hands Pilgrim Boy

The Pilgrims were thankful for many things on the first Thanksgiving.
Make a Pilgrim person that looks like you and write on the hands
what you are thankful for this Thanksgiving.

Here is what you need:



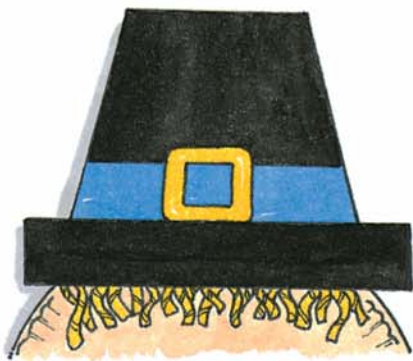
Here is what you do:

1. If the paper plate is not close to your skin color, use markers to color it. Draw on a face with markers. Cut bits of yarn and glue them on for hair.



2. Cut a Pilgrim hat from black paper and glue it to the head. Cut a band for the hat from blue paper and a buckle from yellow paper and glue them in place.



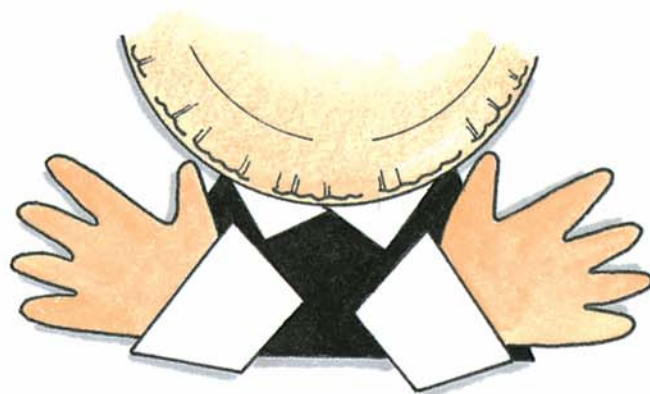


3.

Cut a triangle-shaped piece from black paper and glue the point behind the head so that the bottom forms shoulders.

4.

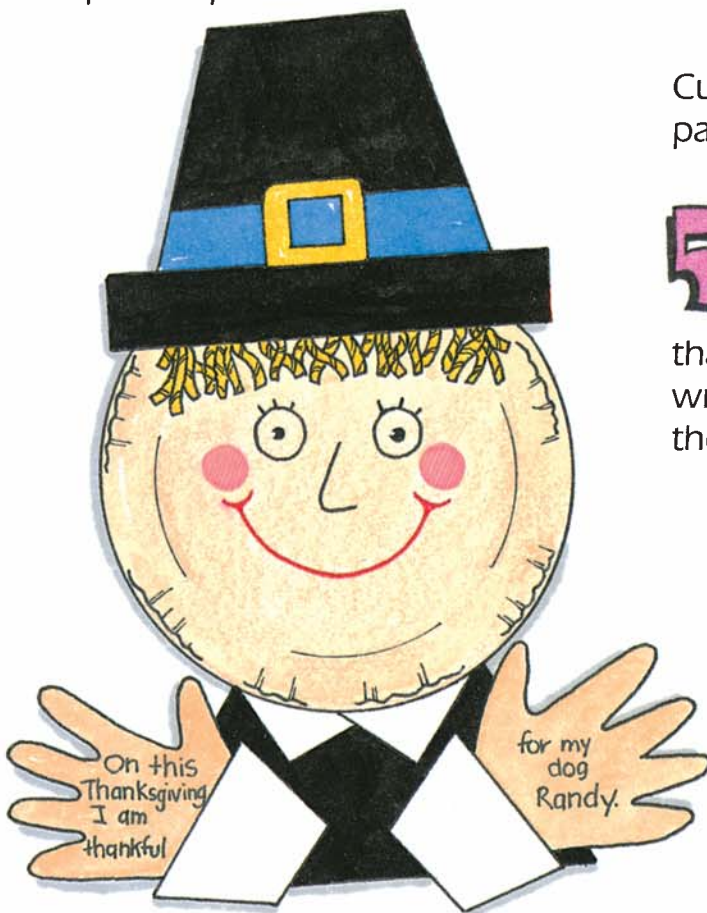
Trace your hands onto the skin-colored construction paper and cut them out. Glue them on each side of the Pilgrim as though they were being held "palms up" in front of him.



Cut cuffs and a collar from white paper and glue them in place.

5.

On the right hand write "On this Thanksgiving I am thankful . . .," and on the left hand write what you are thankful for and the date.



Hang up your pilgrim so everyone will know what you are thankful for on Thanksgiving.

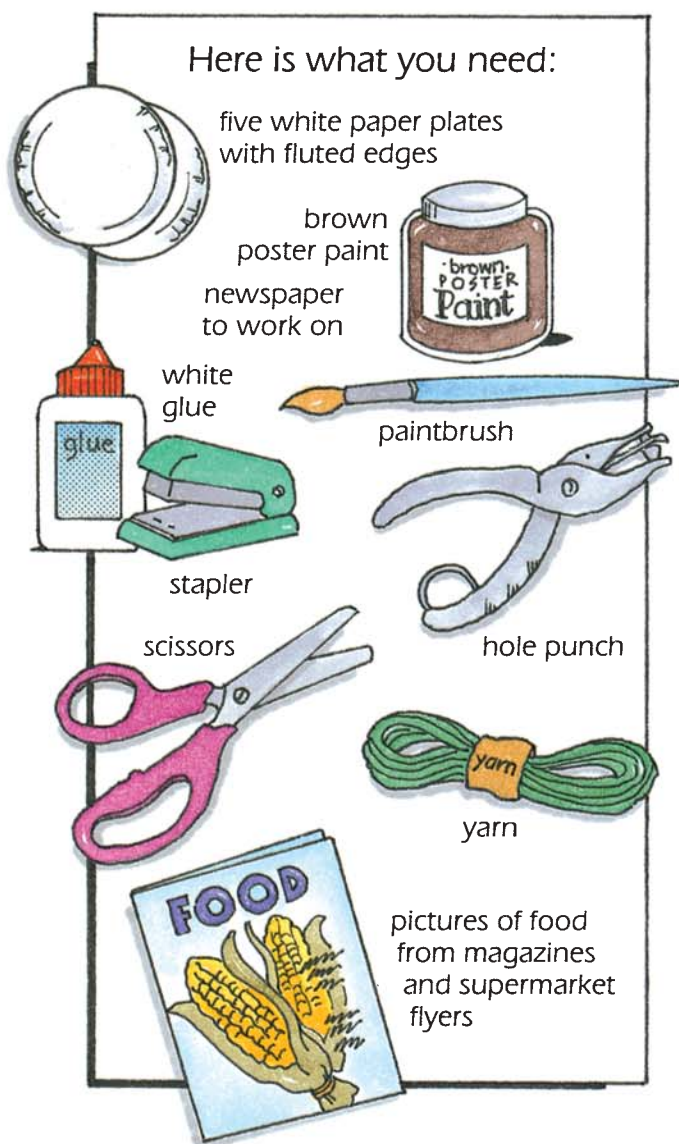




Cornucopia Door Hanging

The cornucopia, or horn of plenty, is a Thanksgiving symbol of the abundance of food from the fall harvest.

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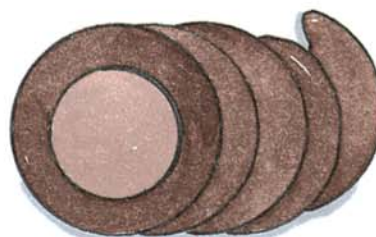


Here is what you do:

1. Overlap and staple four paper plates together in a row so that the fluted edge of each one is showing on the right. Cut the plates into a horn shape that curves on the end.



2. Cut the center out of a paper plate and staple the rim to the left side of the cornucopia to form the opening. Paint the cornucopia brown and let it dry.

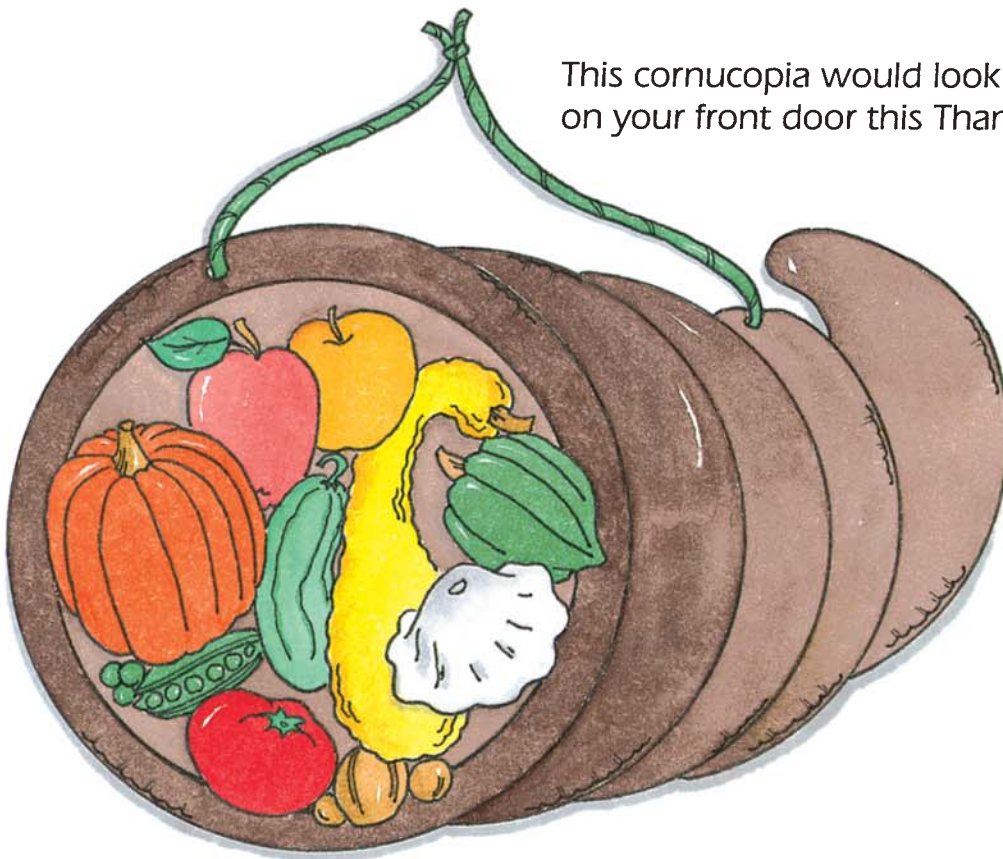




- 3.** Cut out pictures of fruits and vegetables from magazines and supermarket flyers. Fill the opening of the cornucopia with the pictures. Glue the pictures in place.



- 4.** To hang your cornucopia, punch two holes at the top and run a piece of yarn through them. Knot the ends together.



This cornucopia would look wonderful on your front door this Thanksgiving.

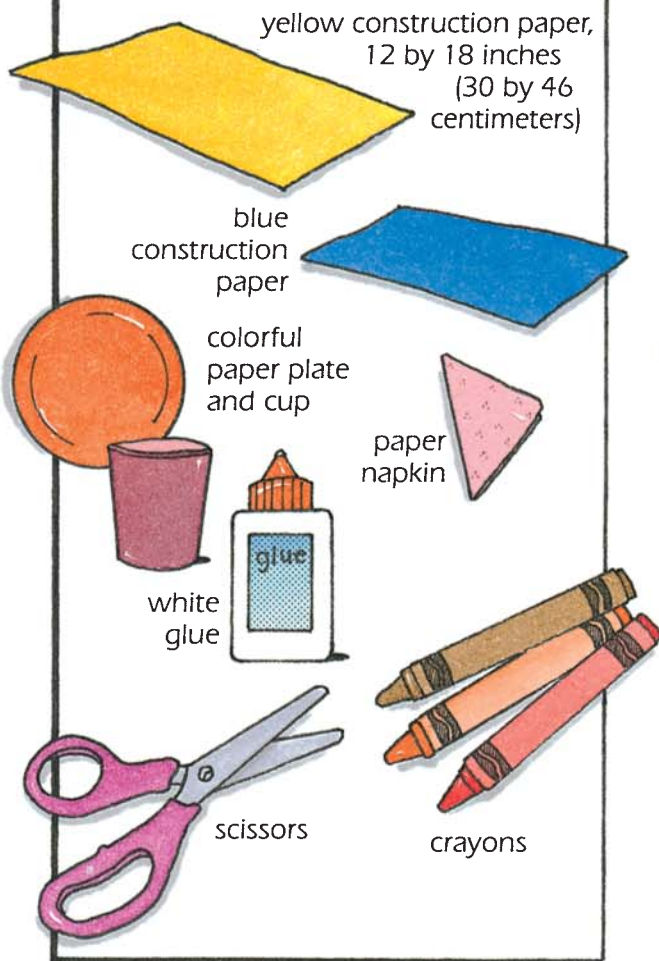




Set the Table Poster

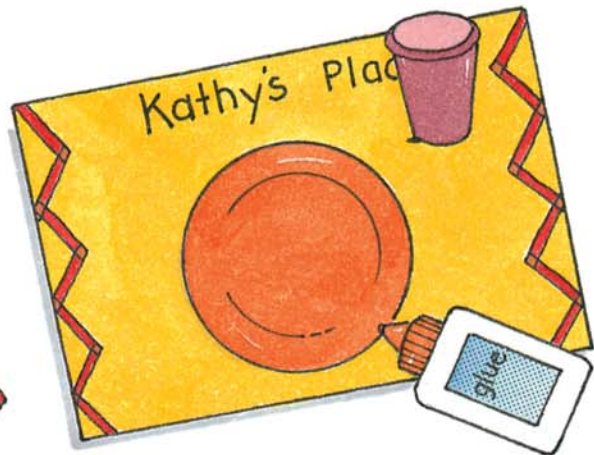
Do you know how to set the table for your Thanksgiving feast?

Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

1. The large sheet of yellow paper will be the place mat. Decorate it with crayons and write your name at the top.



2. Glue the paper plate to the middle of the mat and the cup to the top right-hand corner. If your plate and cup are plain, you can decorate them with crayons.





3.

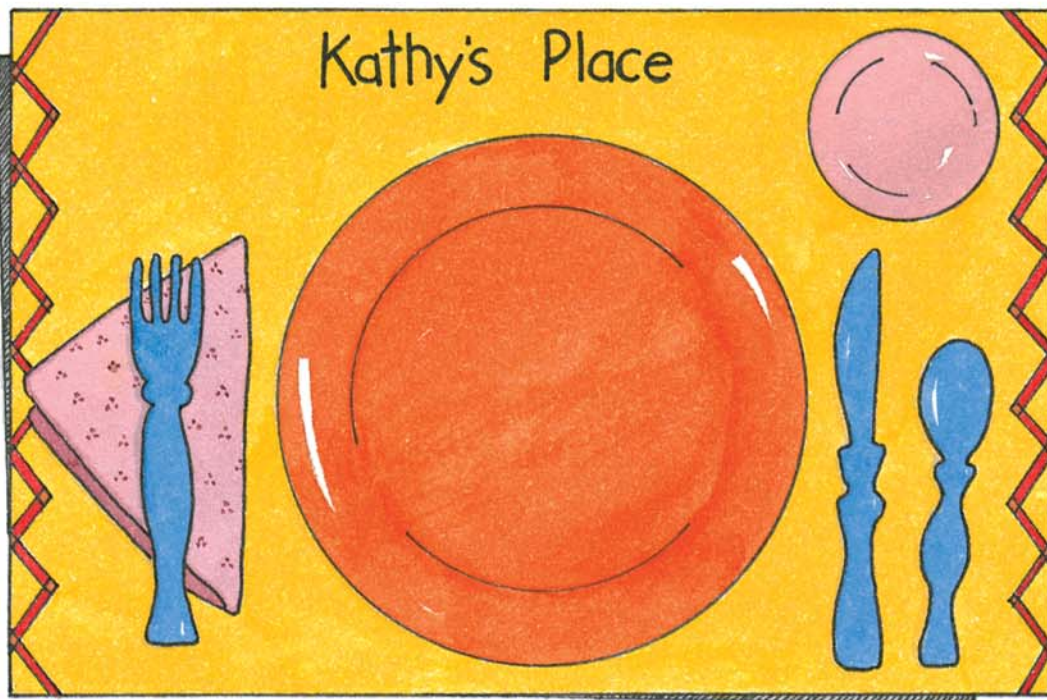
Cut knife, fork, and spoon shapes from blue paper. Use real silverware as patterns for tracing.

4.

Fold a paper napkin and glue it shut. Glue the napkin to the mat on the left side of the plate. Glue the fork on top of the napkin and the knife and spoon onto the mat on the other side of the plate.



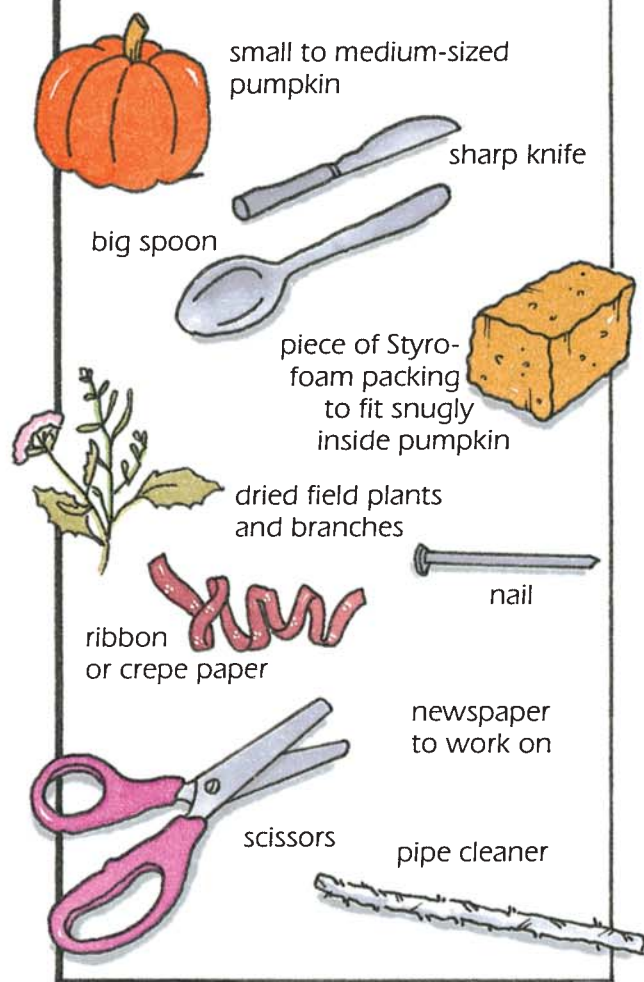
Even if you don't need a reminder of how to set the table, this project makes a great poster.



Pumpkin Centerpiece

Make a centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table.

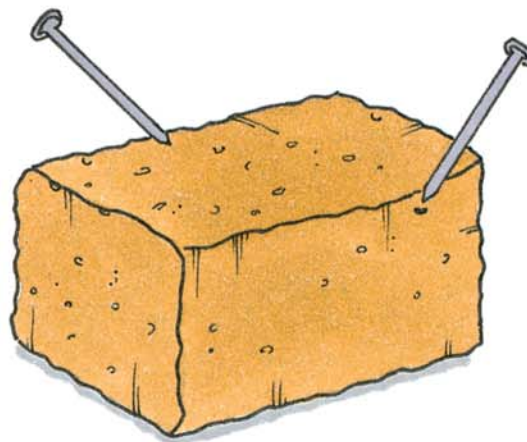
Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

1. Ask a grownup to cut the top off the pumpkin. Clean the loose seeds and pulp out of the inside.

2. Break off a piece of Styrofoam packing that will fit tightly in the bottom of your pumpkin. Using the nail, poke a hole in the Styrofoam for each plant and branch you are going to put in the pumpkin.



3.

Wedge the Styrofoam into the bottom of the pumpkin. Fill the pumpkin with dried plants and branches by pushing their stems into the holes in the Styrofoam.

4.

Tie several loops of ribbon or crepe paper around one end of a pipe cleaner. Fold the top of the pipe cleaner over the ribbon to hold it in place. Poke the other end into the Styrofoam so that the ribbon is sticking out of the top of the pumpkin.



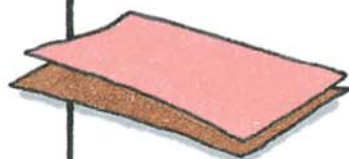
If you set this pumpkin centerpiece on a table, be sure to put the pumpkin on top of a small plate.



Family Photo Dolls

On Thanksgiving we are thankful for our families.

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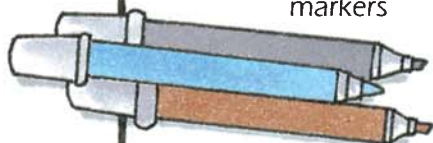


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markers



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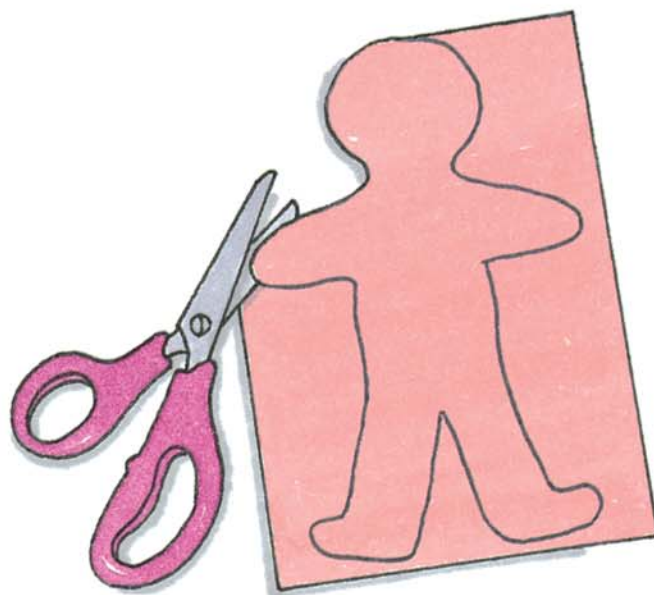


scissors

Here is what you do:

1.

Draw the basic shape of each member of your family. You may want to make the dolls different sizes just as the people in your family are different sizes. Cut out your dolls.



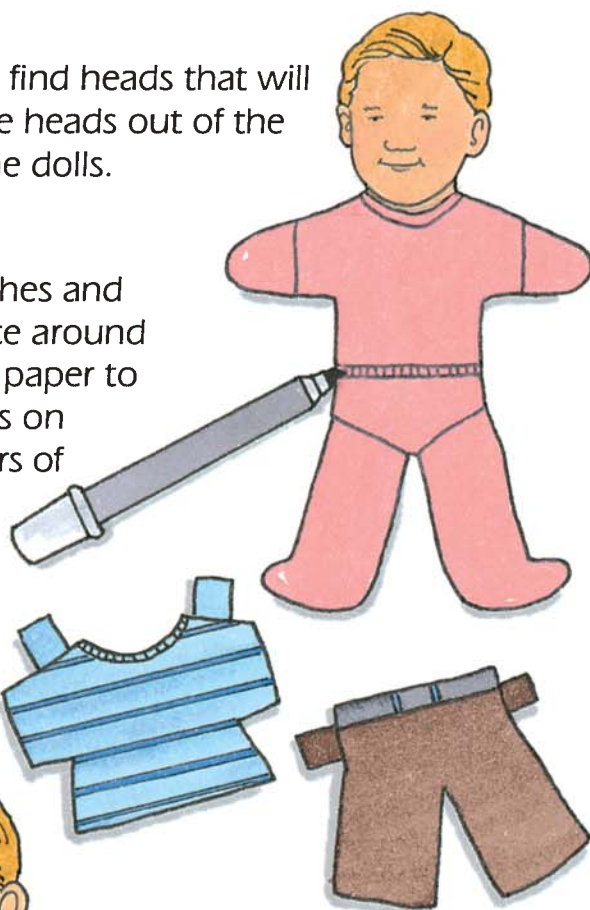


2.

In the photos of your family, find heads that will fit each doll. Carefully cut the heads out of the photos and glue them on the dolls.

3.

Use markers to draw underclothes and shoes on your family dolls. Trace around each doll on wallpaper or construction paper to make clothing. You can glue the clothes on permanently or add tabs to the shoulders of the clothing and make lots of different outfits for each doll.



What will you
and your family
be thankful for this
Thanksgiving?





Hanukkah

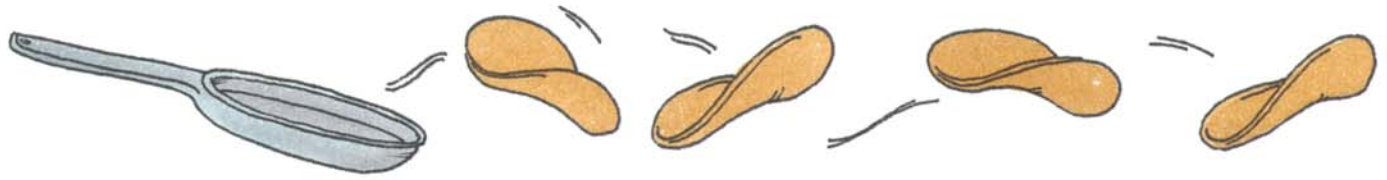
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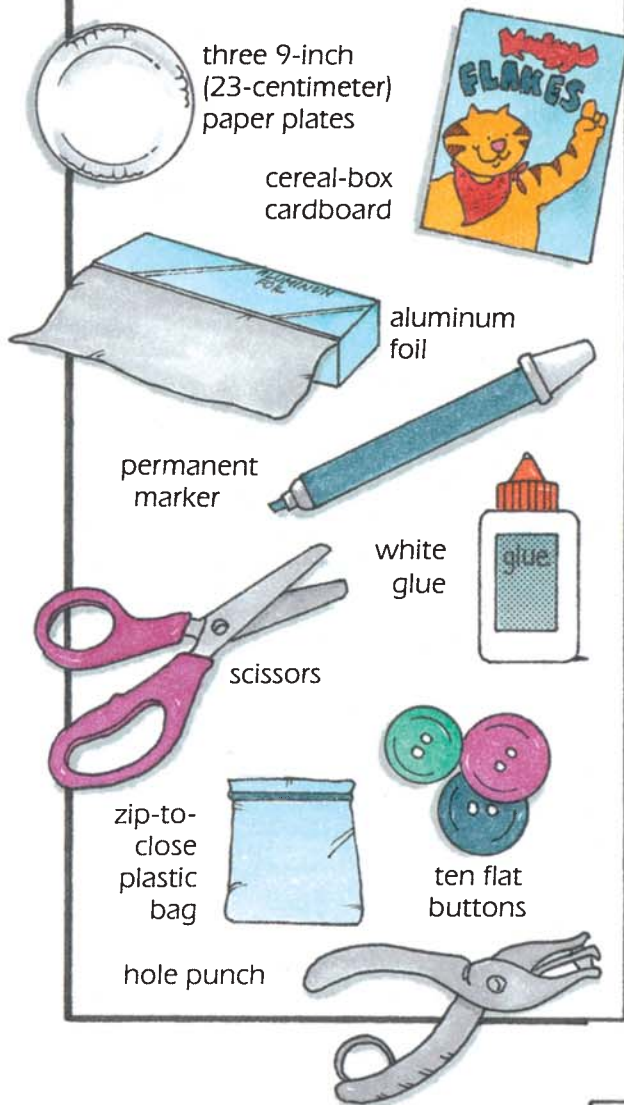




Latkes in the Pan Game

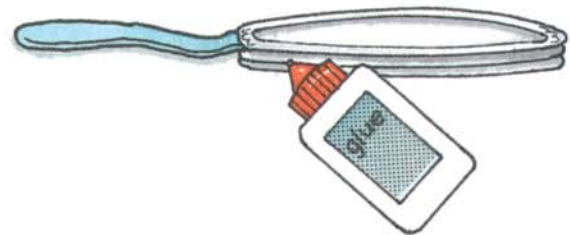
Hanukkah is the time for eating latkes (potato pancakes) and applesauce. Make this latkes game to play with, not to eat!

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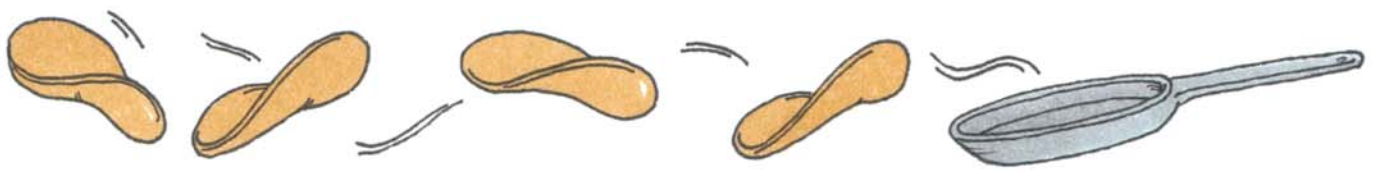
Here is what you do:

1. Cut a pan handle about 7 inches (18 centimeters) long from the cardboard. Glue the three paper plates together on top of each other. While the glue is still wet, slide the end of the handle between two of the plates. Let the glue dry.



2. Wrap the entire pan in aluminum foil. Use a hole punch to punch a hole in the end of the handle, just like a real frying pan.

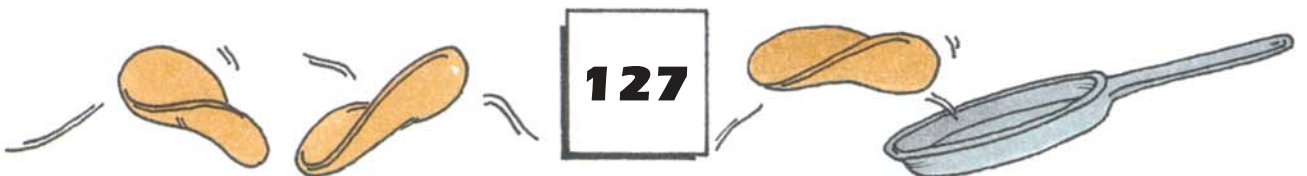
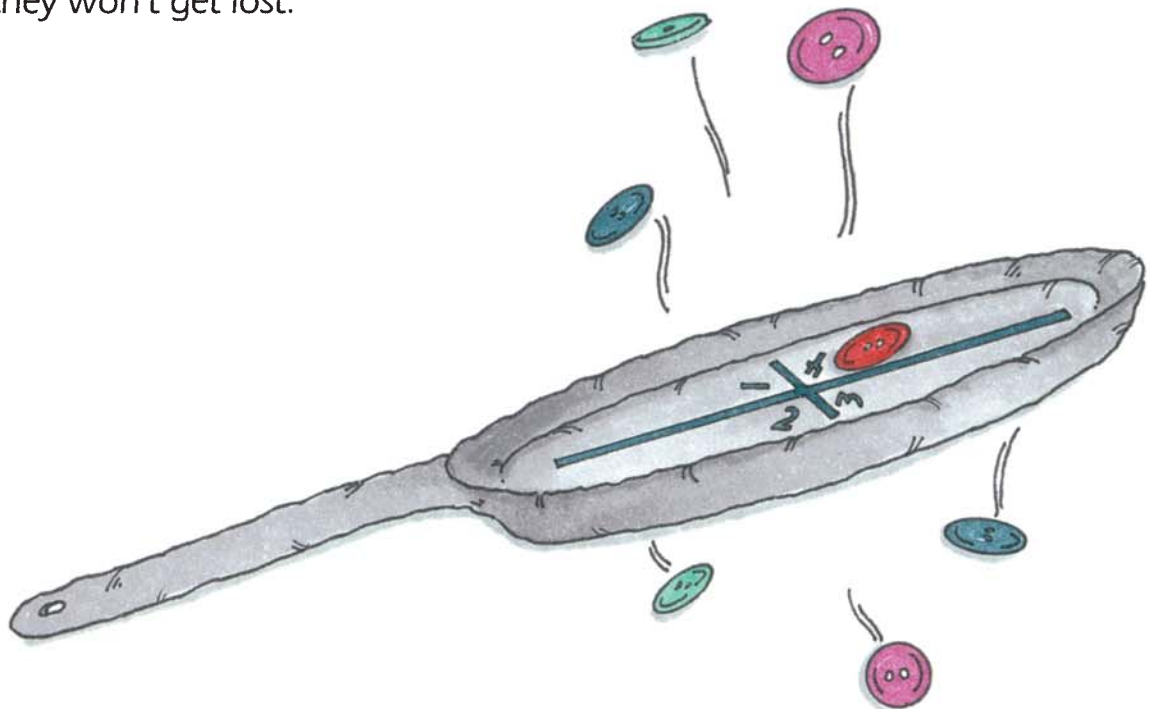
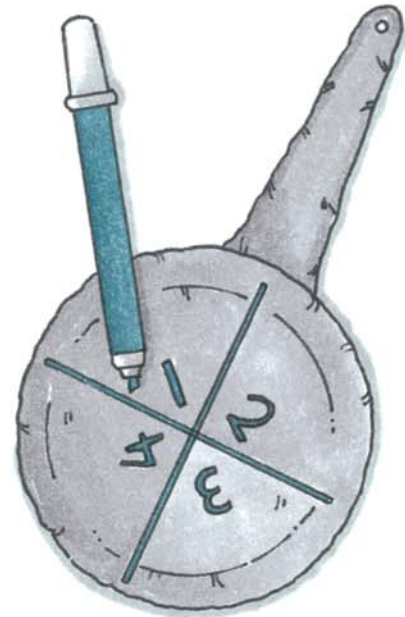




3. With the permanent marker, draw lines inside the pan to divide it into four equal sections. Number the sections 1, 2, 3, and 4.

This game is played like tiddlywinks. Each player uses one of the “pancake” buttons to flip the other buttons into the pan. The score depends on the numbers in the sections where the “pancakes” land.

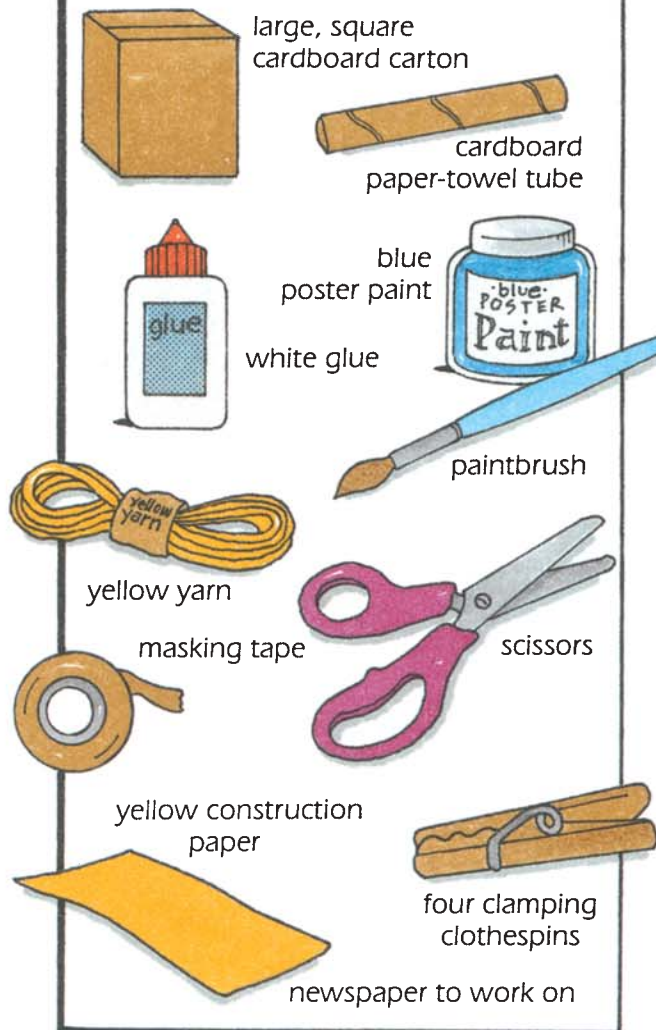
Store the buttons in a zip-to-close bag when you are not playing with them so they won’t get lost.



Giant Dreidel

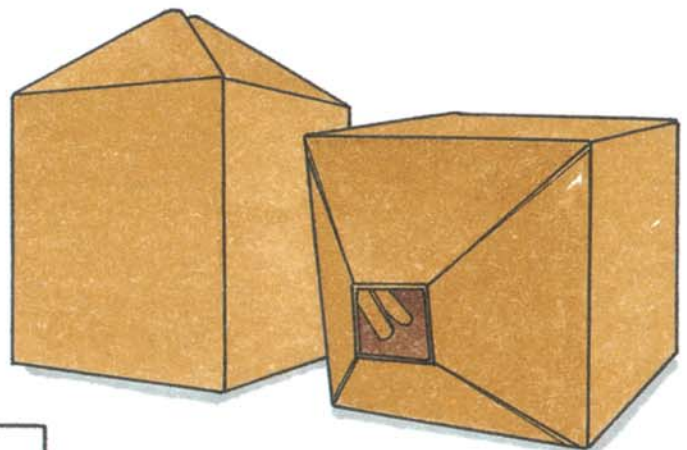
Lean this giant dreidel in a corner of your living room as a fun and different Hanukkah decoration.

Here is what you need:

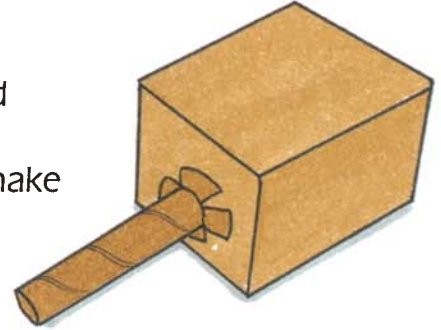


Here is what you do:

1. Bend in the corners of all four carton flaps. Rub glue on the tops of the folded-over portion of all the flaps. Push the four flaps toward the center of the carton with the folded edges inside. The flaps should be at a slight angle, leaving a square hole at the center. Stick the folded-over triangles to each other. Use clamping clothespins to hold them together while the glue dries.



2. Cut four 1-inch (2.5 centimeter) slits in one end of the cardboard tube. Spread the cut tabs out and glue them to the bottom center of the carton to make a handle for the dreidel. Secure them with tape.



3. Paint half of the dreidel blue and let it dry. Turn the dreidel over and paint the other half blue.

4. To decorate the dreidel, paint a band of glue around the top. Cover the glue by wrapping six rows of yellow yarn around the dreidel. Cover the handle with glue and wrap the entire handle with yellow yarn. Cut the Hebrew letters *Nun*, *Gimel*, *Hay*, and *Shin* out of yellow paper and glue one letter on each side of the dreidel.



This dreidel also looks great as a centerpiece on a large Hanukkah table.



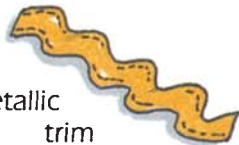
Doll Yarmulke

Some people wear a yarmulke when lighting the Hanukkah candles.
Make this little yarmulke for a doll friend living at your house.

Here is what you need:



felt square



metallic
trim



blue glue gel



scissors

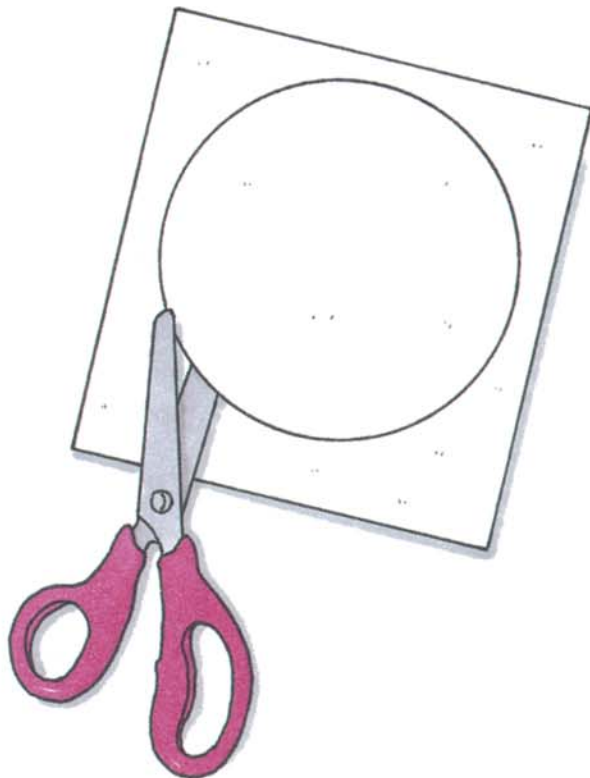
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Here is what you do:

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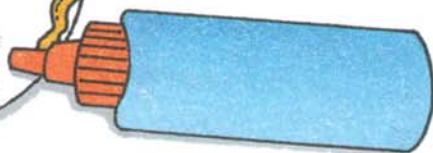
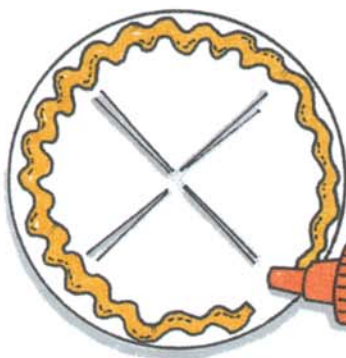
Cut a circle from felt that is smaller than the head of the doll that will wear the yarmulke.





2.

Fold the circle in half and staple a small seam close to the fold. Open and flatten the circle. Fold it in half the other way and staple a small seam across this fold.



3.

Turn the hat over so that the stapled seams are on the inside. Run a line of glue around the rim of the hat and decorate the hat with metallic trim.



Maybe all of your doll friends should have yarmulkes!

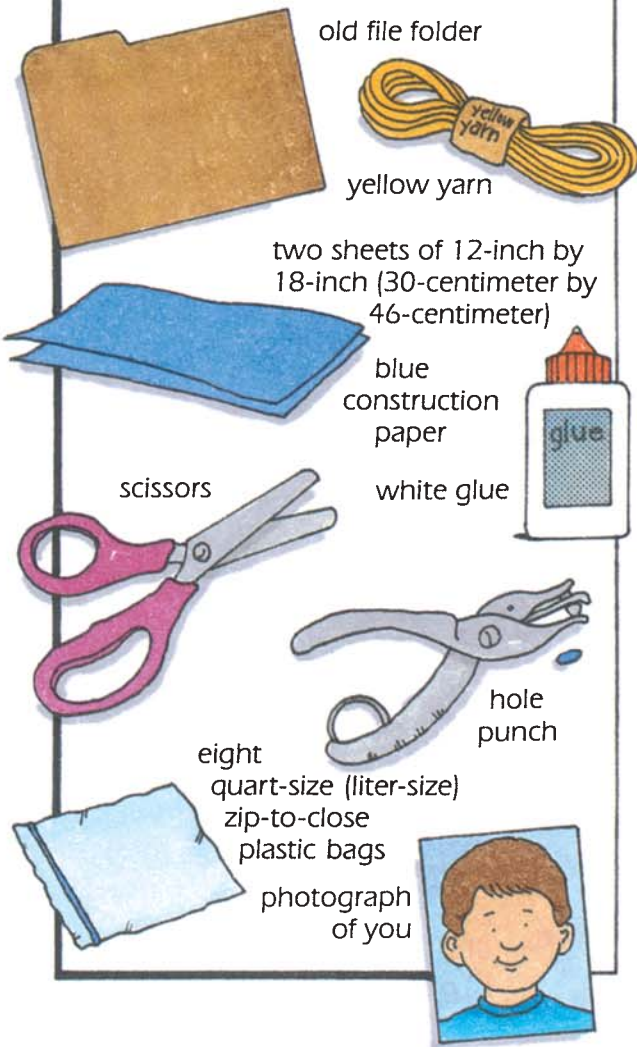




Hanukkah Memory Book

Make a book to keep all your favorite Hanukkah photographs and cards in.

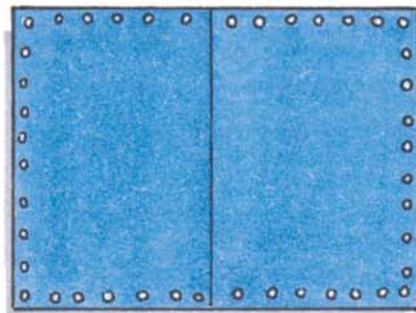
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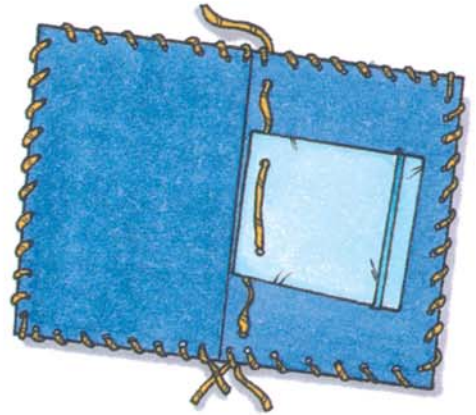
1. If the file folder has a tab on it, trim the tab off. Cover both sides of the folder with glue, and then with blue construction paper. Close the file while the glue is still wet. Trim off any extra blue paper around the file.

2. Before the glue is dry, open the folder and punch holes about 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) apart all the way around the folder. (It will be much harder to punch the holes after the glue is dry.)





Tie one end of a long piece of yarn through a hole at the center bottom of the open folder. Lace the yarn through each hole, wrapping it around the edge of the folder as you go. When you get back to the hole you started with, knot the end of the yarn and trim off any extra.



4.

Punch a hole on the foldline at the top and bottom of the folder. Stack the eight plastic bags together and punch a hole on each side of the bottoms of the bags. Run a piece of yarn through the foldline holes and the holes in the bags. Tie the ends of the yarn into a bow on the outside edge of the folder.

5.

Cut six 6-inch (15-centimeter) pieces of yellow yarn and arrange them on the front of the folder in the shape of a Star of David. Glue the yarn in place. Glue a small photograph of yourself in the center of the star.

Each year use one of the bags to store your Hanukkah photos and cards in. As the years go by, you can look over your collection of very special Hanukkah memories.





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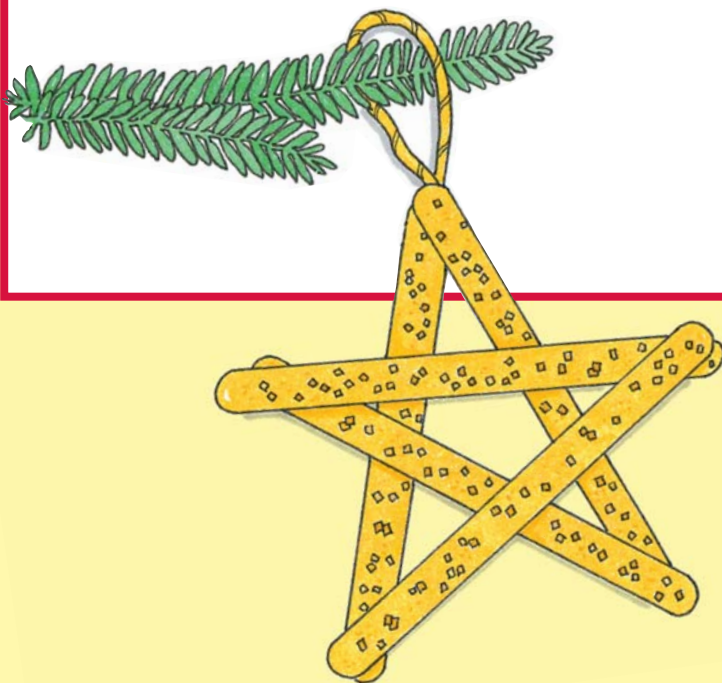
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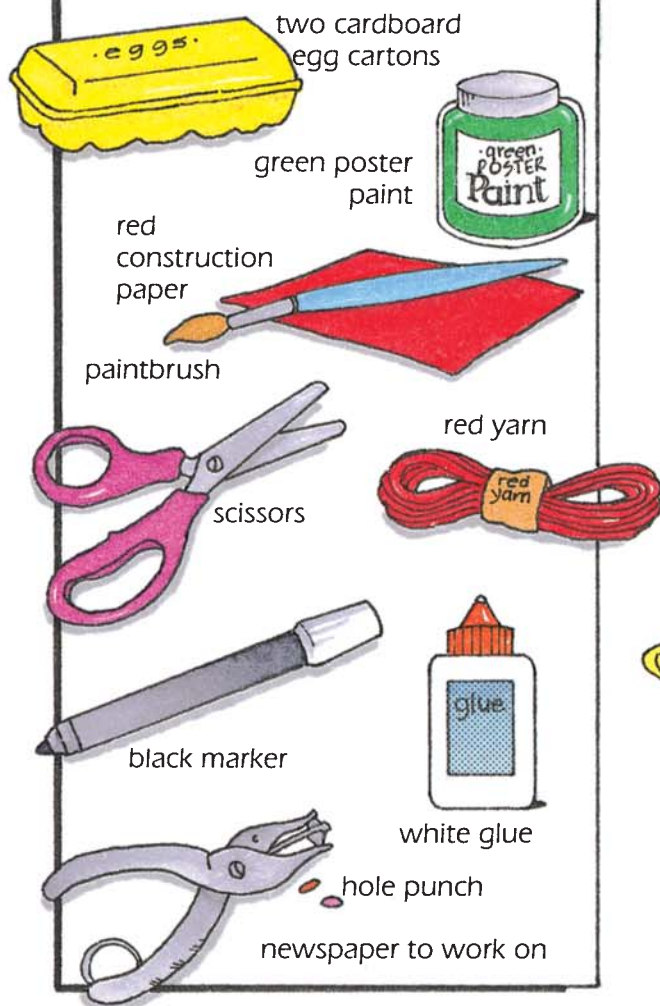




Egg Carton Advent Calendar

An Advent calendar helps you count how many days are left until Christmas.

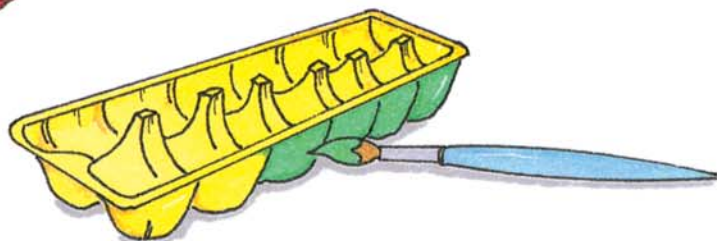
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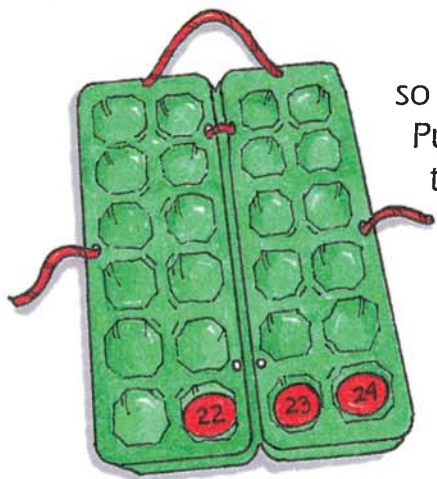
1. Cut the lid and closing flap off two matching cardboard egg cartons and save them for another project.

2. Spread out some newspaper to work on, and paint the bottoms of the egg cartons green on both sides. Let them dry.



3. Punch two holes on one side of each of the egg cartons and tie them together with a piece of yarn. Do not tie the yarn





so tight that the cartons will not open and close. Punch a hole in the top of each carton and tie the two ends of a piece of yarn through the holes so that the calendar can be hung up. Punch a hole on the outer side of each carton and tie a piece of yarn through each hole so that the calendar can be closed and tied together.



4.

Cut twenty-four circles from red construction paper that just fit over the top of each of the openings. Number them from one to twenty-four.

5.

Fill each compartment of the egg carton with a tiny surprise. You can use wrapped candy, coins, stickers, tiny toys, or ornaments, and little pieces of paper with promises of a special favor or surprise. Put a dab of glue on two sides of each compartment and cover each with a red circle, starting with number one over the first compartment and ending with number twenty-four. Tie the calendar shut. It is ready to give to someone you know who is counting the days until Christmas.



Get together with lots of friends to make and fill these calendars and then trade them for a surprise each day until Christmas.





Stick Star Tree Ornament

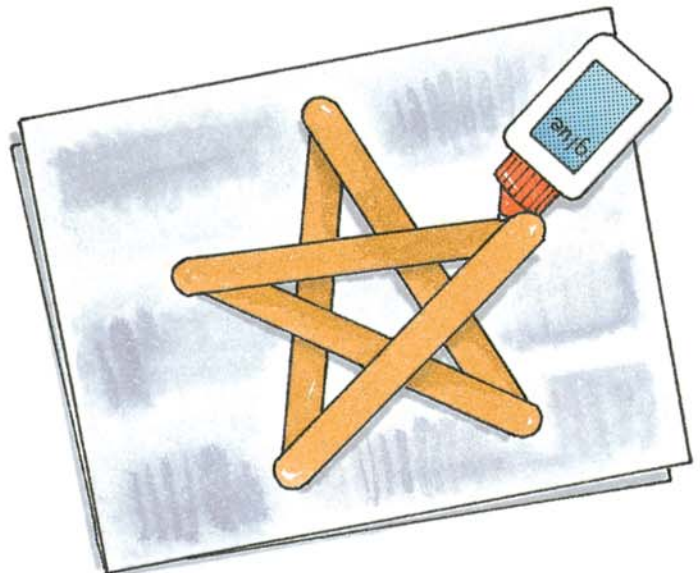
A bright star appeared over the stable where the Baby Jesus was born, showing the way to those who came to see Him.

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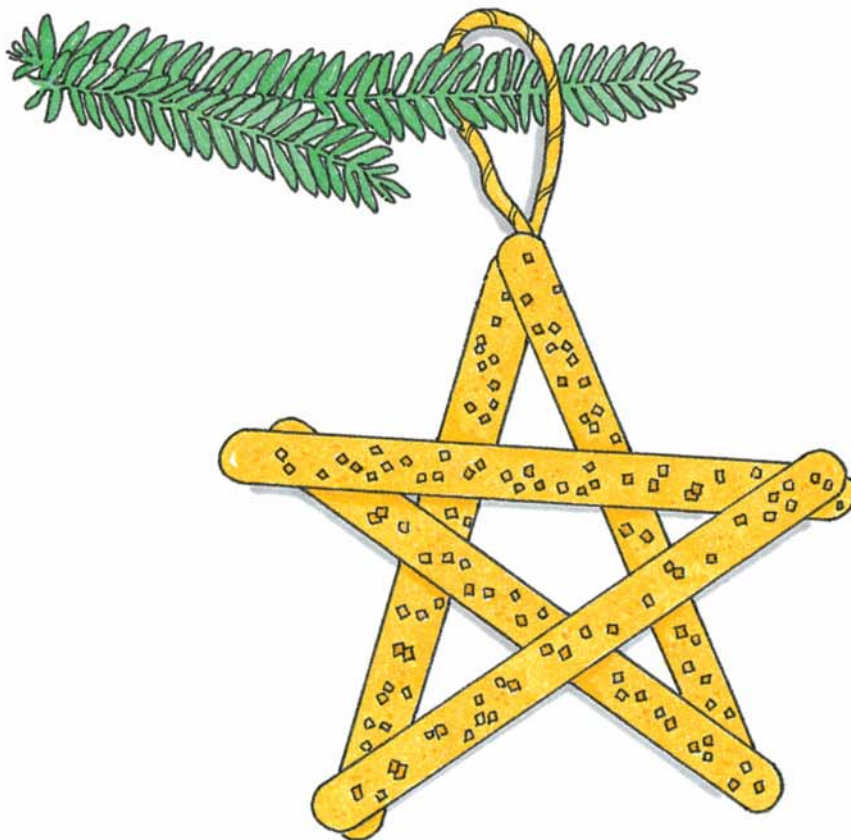
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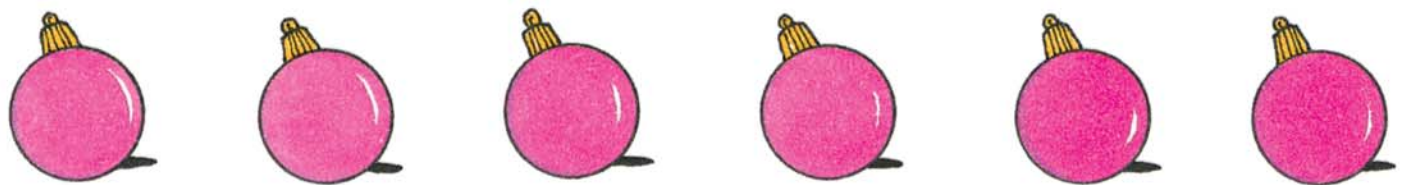
1. Arrange the sticks on newspaper to form a star shape just as you would if you were drawing a five-pointed star on paper without lifting your pencil. Put a dab of glue under each of the points that touch on the star and let the glue dry.





2. Pour a small amount of paint into a paper cup and add a tablespoon of white glue. Mix it well. Paint the star yellow on both sides and immediately sprinkle both sides with gold glitter. Carefully balance it on top of a glass jar to dry. Glue a loop of yellow yarn to one of the points so you can hang the star on your Christmas tree.

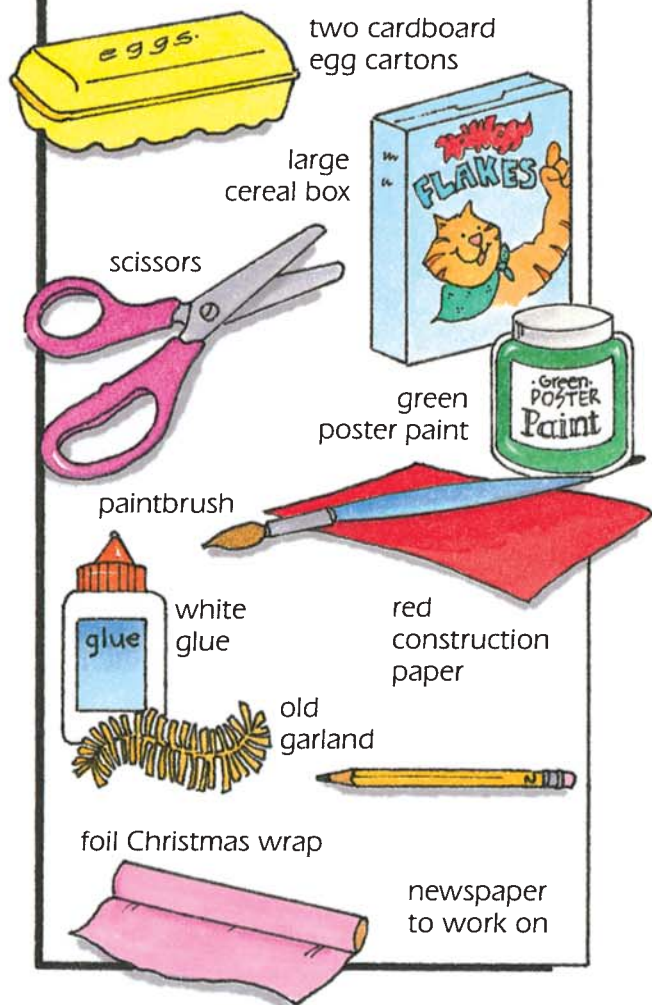




Egg Carton Christmas Tree

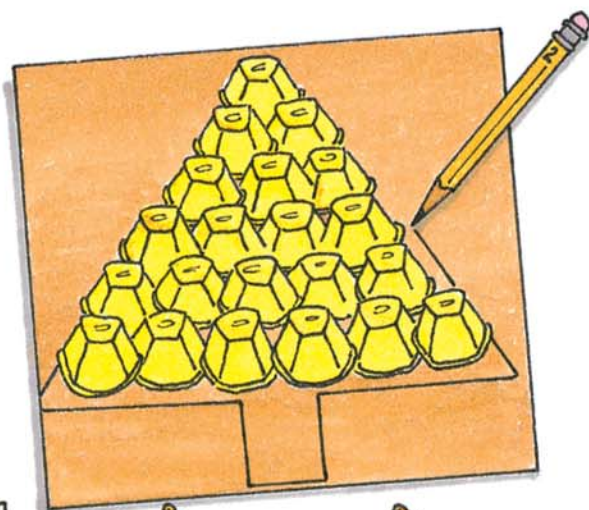
At Christmastime, people often bring pine or fir trees into their homes and decorate them.

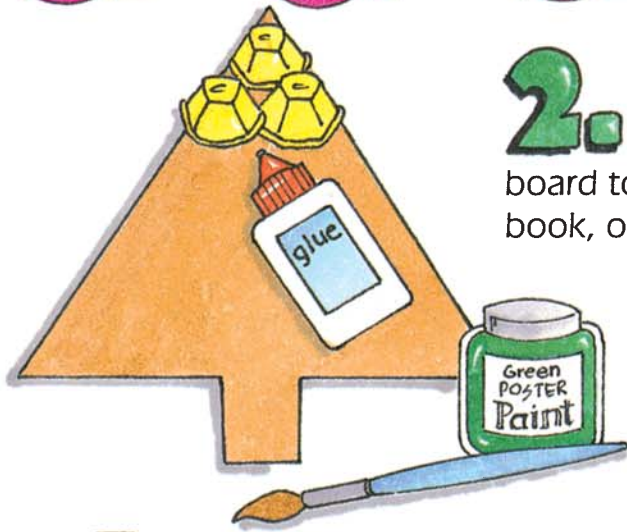
Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

1. Open the top and bottom of the cereal box and tear the seams open so that you have a flat piece of cardboard. Cut the egg carton cups into rows of one, two, three, four, five, and six cups. Arrange the cups on the cardboard from the longest row at the bottom to the single cup at the top to form the triangle shape of a tree. Trace around the cups with a pencil and draw a tree trunk at the bottom. Cut the tree shape out of the cardboard.





2. Cover the cardboard with glue and arrange the egg cups again on the cardboard to form a tree. Put something heavy, like a book, on top of the egg cups to help the tree dry flat.

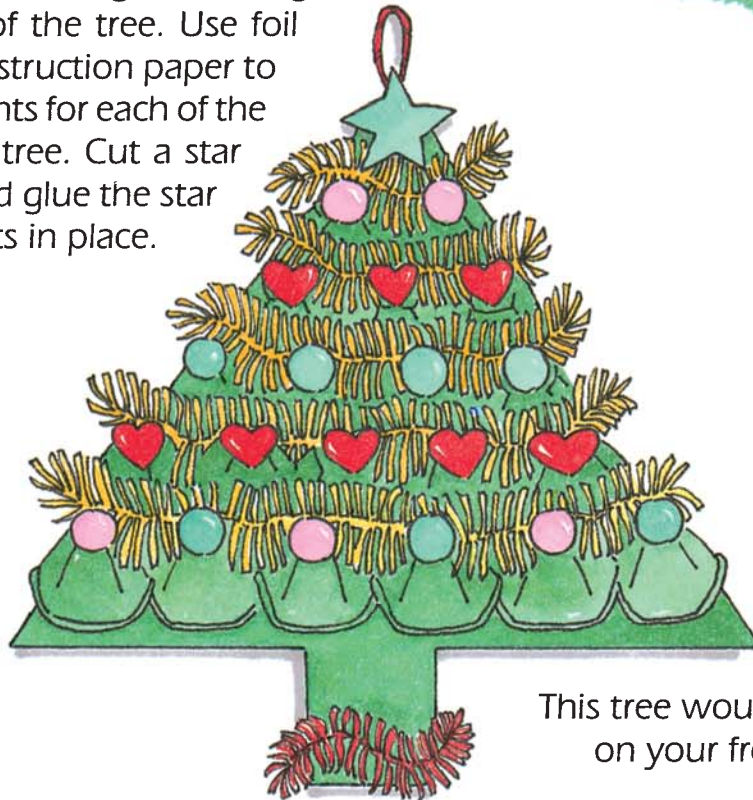
3.

Paint the tree green and let it dry.



4.

Squeeze glue between all the rows of the tree and press the garland between the rows. Cut a small piece of garland to glue to the trunk of the tree. Use foil wrap and construction paper to make ornaments for each of the cups on your tree. Cut a star for the top and glue the star and ornaments in place.



This tree would look great on your front door.

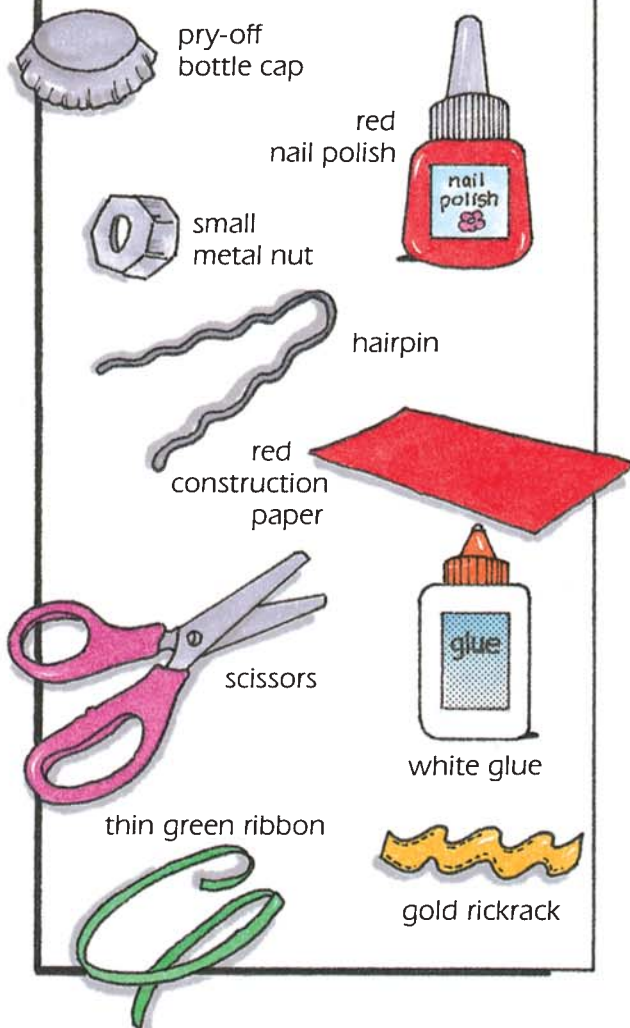




Ornament Necklace

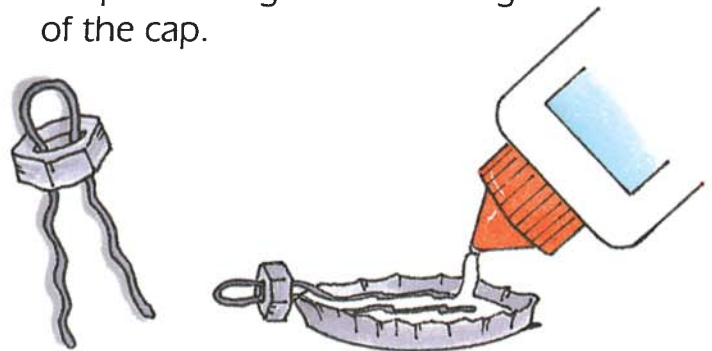
This ornament hangs on you instead of on the Christmas tree.

Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

- 1.** Paint the outside of the bottle cap with red nail polish and let it dry.
- 2.** Slide the metal nut over the top of the hairpin so that it looks like the hook on the top of a real ornament. Fill the inside of the bottle cap with white glue and bend the ends of the hairpin to fit inside the cap, with the nut and the top of the hairpin sticking out of the edge of the cap.





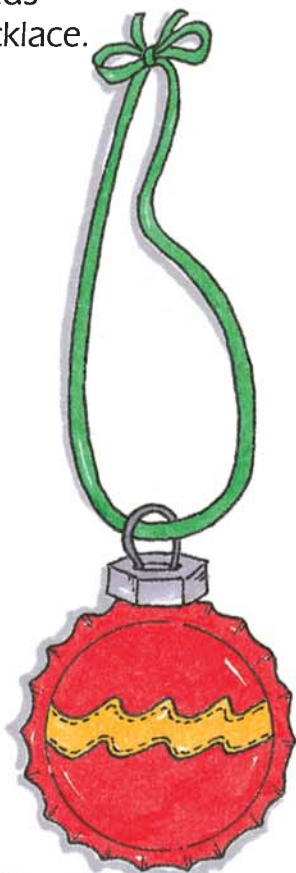
- 3.** Cover the glue in the cap with a circle of red construction paper. Let it dry overnight.



- 4.** Cut a piece of gold rickrack or other trim you might have and glue it across the front of the ornament.



- 5.** Cut a piece of green ribbon the length you would like your necklace to be and thread it through the hairpin. Tie the two ends together to form a necklace.

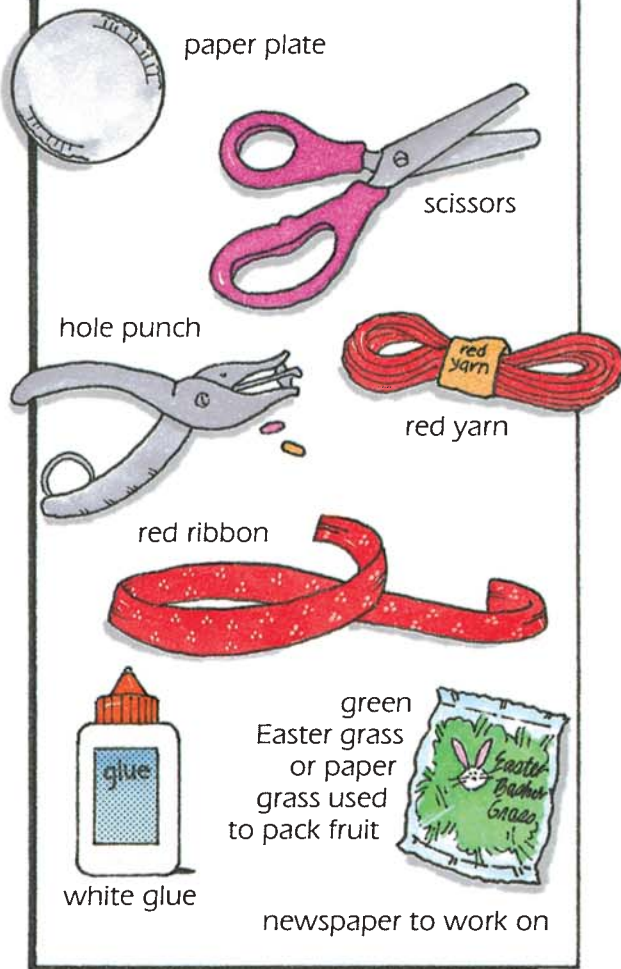




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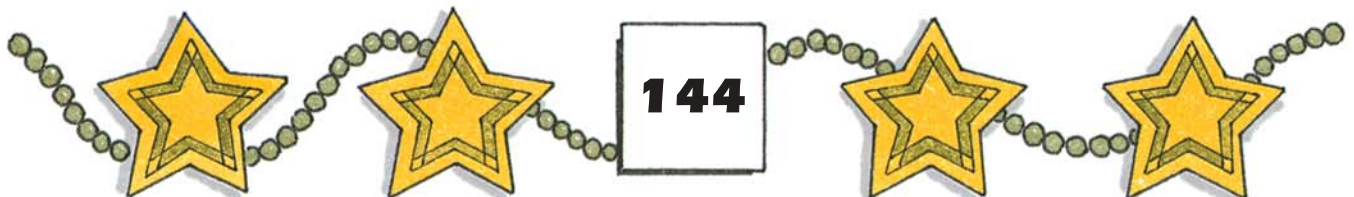
At Christmastime, people often hang wreaths on their front doors to welcome visitors.

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Here is what you do:

1. Cut the center out of a paper plate. Punch a hole in the rim of the plate and tie a piece of red yarn through for a hanger.

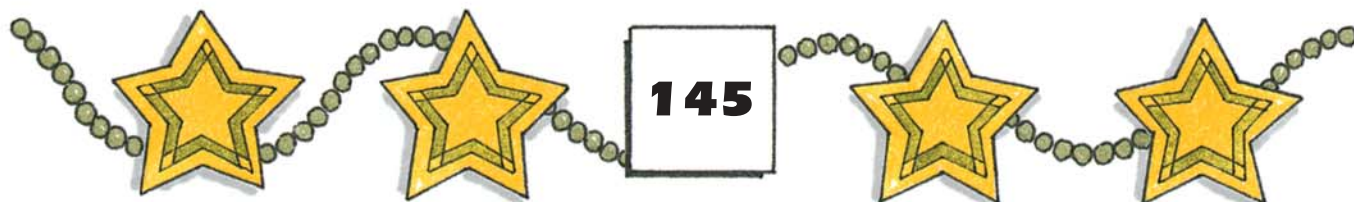




2. Cover both sides of the plate with glue. Cover both sides with the grass. Glue on a pretty Christmas ribbon. Let the wreath dry on a flat surface.



You could hang this wreath on your bedroom door.

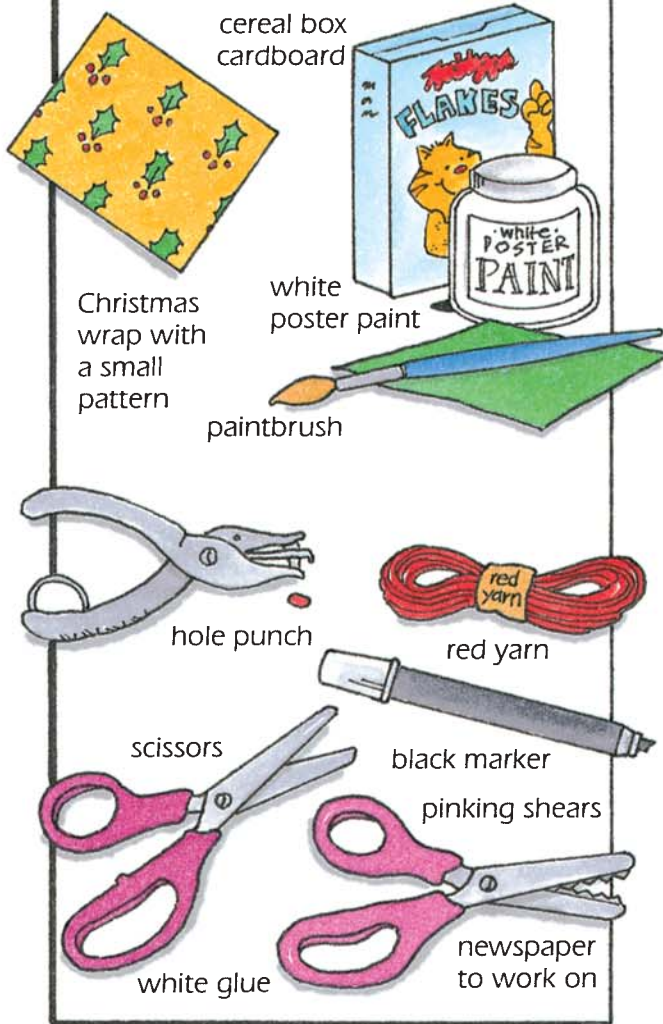




Handprint Christmas Card

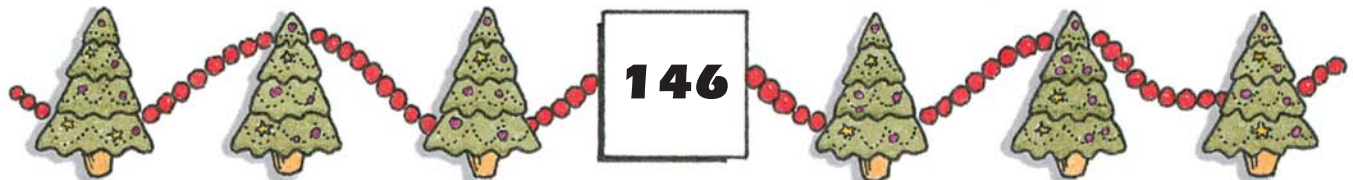
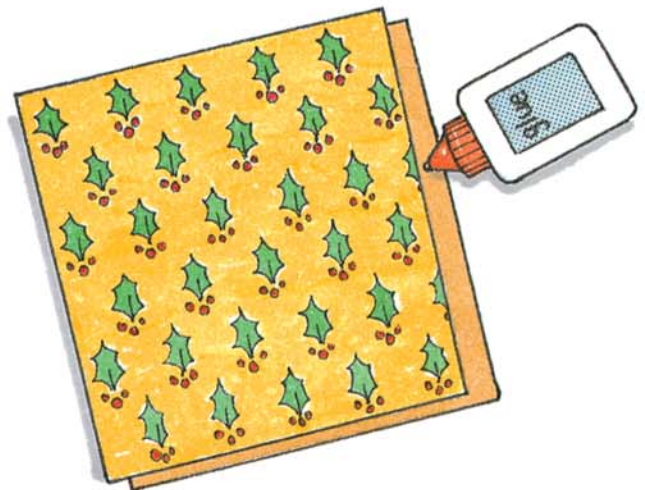
At Christmastime, many people send Christmas cards.
Here is a card that hangs on the tree.

Here is what you need:



Here is what you do:

1. Cut out a piece of cardboard 5 by 7 inches (13 by 18 centimeters). Cover both sides with glue and then cover one side of the cardboard with construction paper and the other side with wrapping paper. Put something heavy on each end so that it will dry flat.



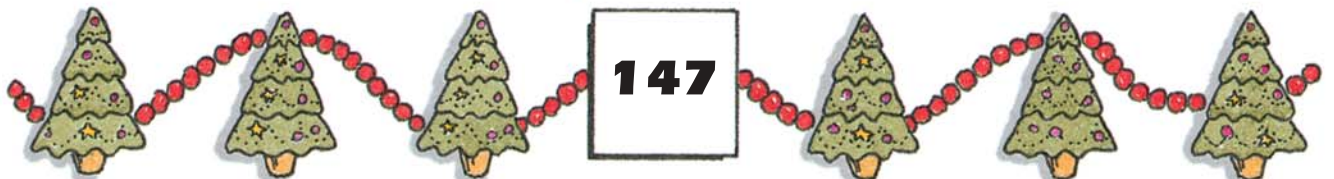


2. Paint the palm side of your hand with white paint. Spread your fingers and thumb slightly and carefully print your hand in the center of the wrapping paper. Let the print dry.

3. Trim around the cardboard with pinking shears to give it a nice edge. Punch two holes above the fingers of your hand and thread a piece of red yarn through the holes. Tie the two ends together to make a hanger. Glue a little bow of red yarn at the bottom of your hand.



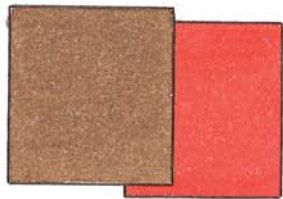
Write a Christmas message on the back of the hand print and give it to someone who cares about you a lot.



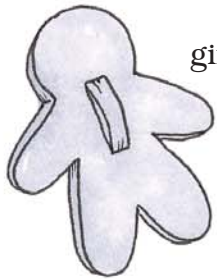
Paper Gingerbread Boy or Girl

If you like decorating real cookies, you'll have fun making paper cookie ornaments.

What you need:



brown and red
construction
paper



gingerbread
boy or
girl
cookie
cutter



white
glue

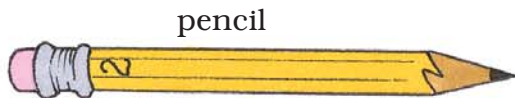
glitter



rickrack



yarn



pencil



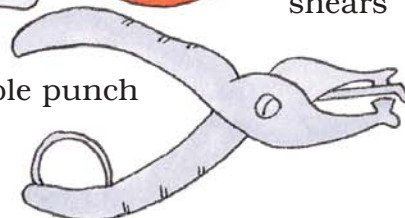
sequins



scissors



pinking
shears



hole punch



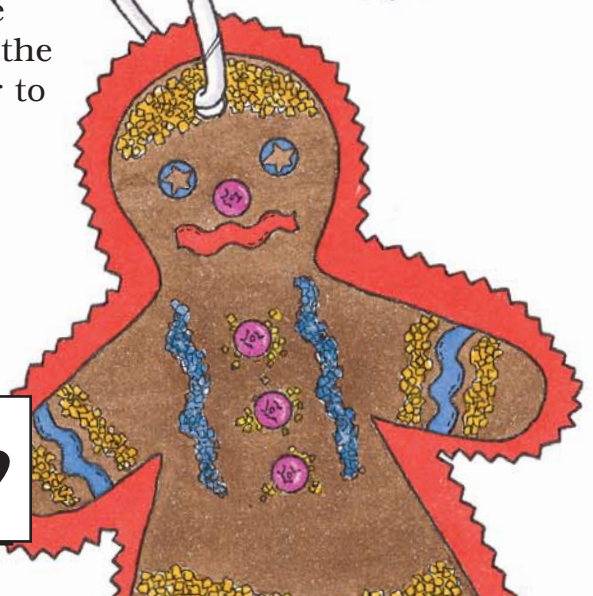
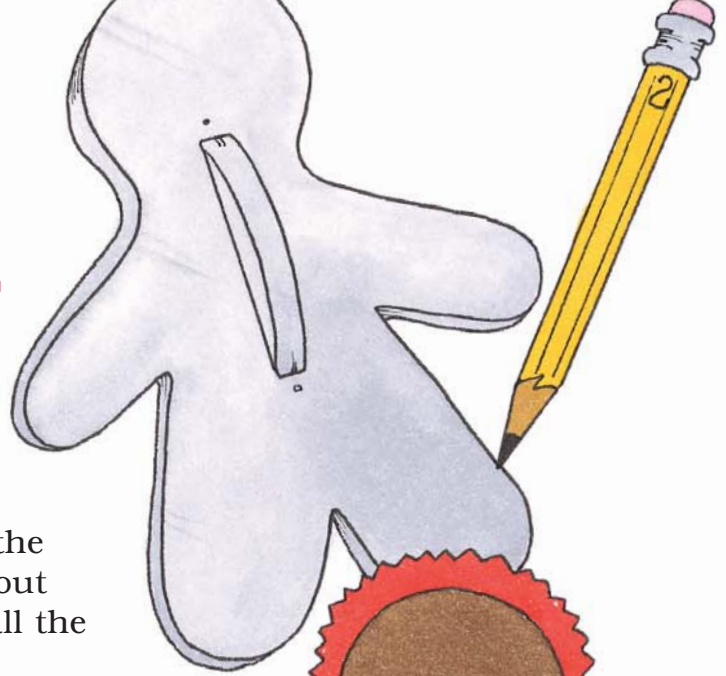
Styrofoam tray
to work on

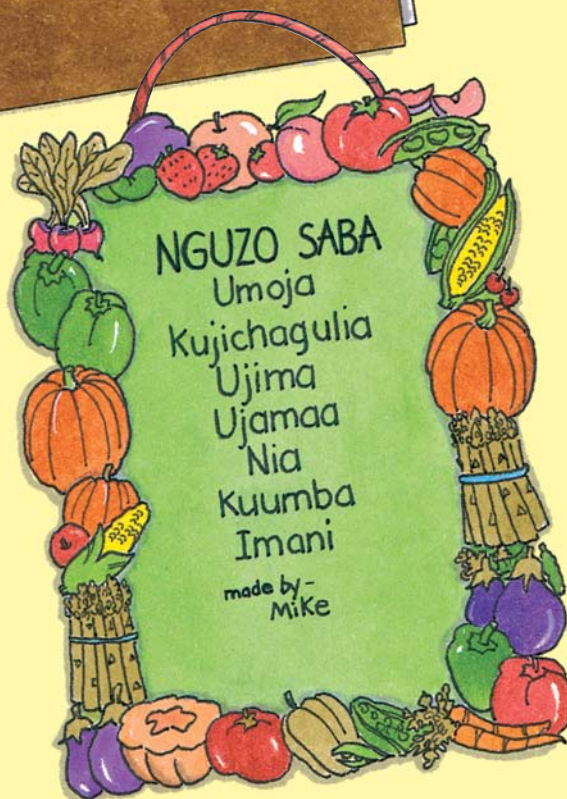
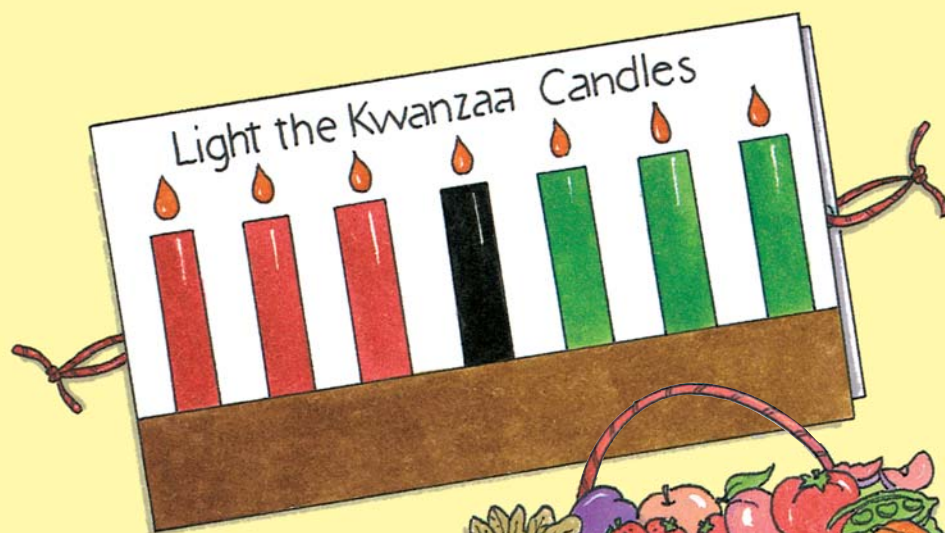


What you do:

- 1** Trace around the cookie cutter on the brown paper. Cut the shape out.
- 2** Set the shape on the red paper. Trace lightly around the shape about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch ($\frac{1}{2}$ cm) out from the edge of the shape all the way around.
- 3** Cut the larger shape out with pinking shears.
- 4** Glue the brown cookie shape on top of the red shape so that the red paper sticks out around the edges of the cookie to look like decorative frosting.
- 5** Glue on the sequins, glitter, and rickrack to decorate the cookie. Let dry on the Styrofoam tray.
- 6** Punch a hole in the top of the cookie. Cut a 5-inch (13-cm) piece of yarn. Thread the yarn through the hole and tie the two ends together to make a hanger for the ornament.

You might want to make some cookie ornaments using cookie cutters in other shapes.





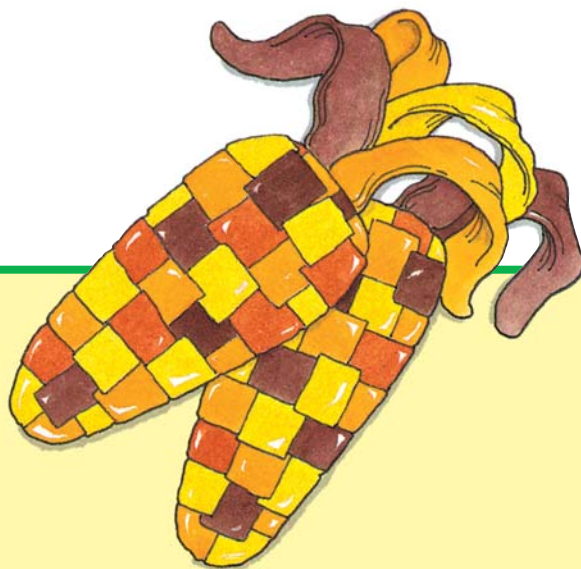
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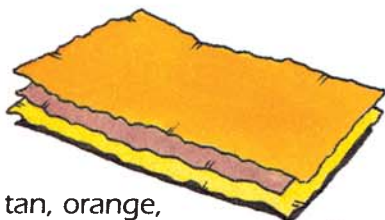
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Tissue Paper Corn

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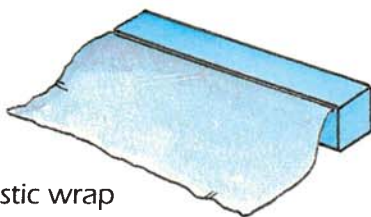
brown, tan, orange,
and yellow tissue paper



white glue



scissors



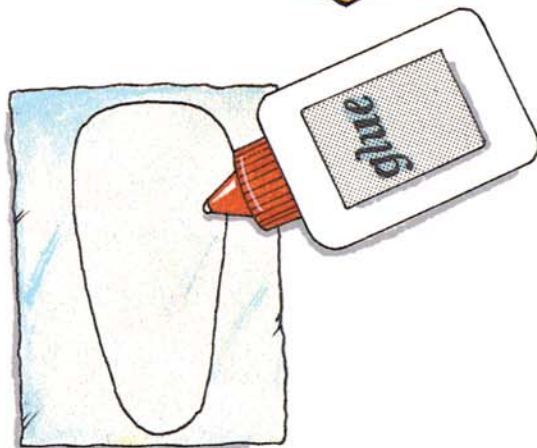
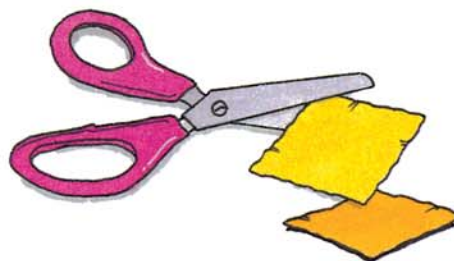
plastic wrap

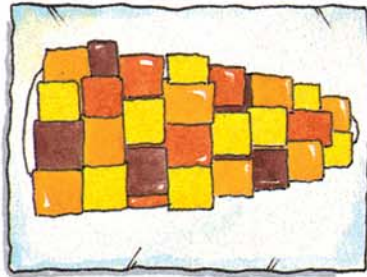


tape

Here is what you do:

1. Cut some of each color tissue into 1-inch (2.5-centimeter) squares. Draw a full-size outline of an ear of corn on a square of plastic wrap and fill the outline in completely with a thin layer of glue.

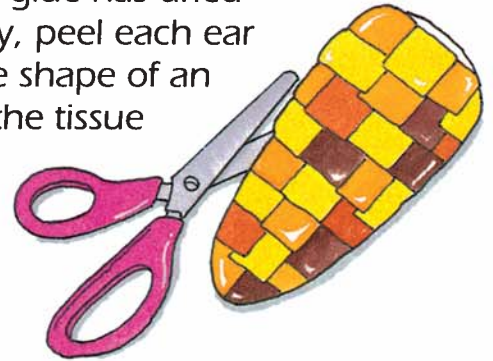




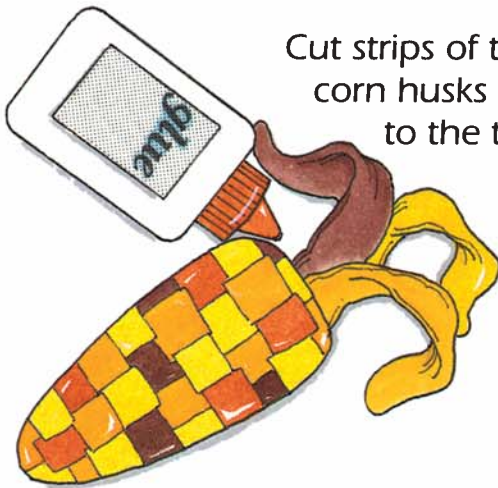
Arrange the squares of tissue on the glue in a corn shape. Make at least two ears of corn.

2.

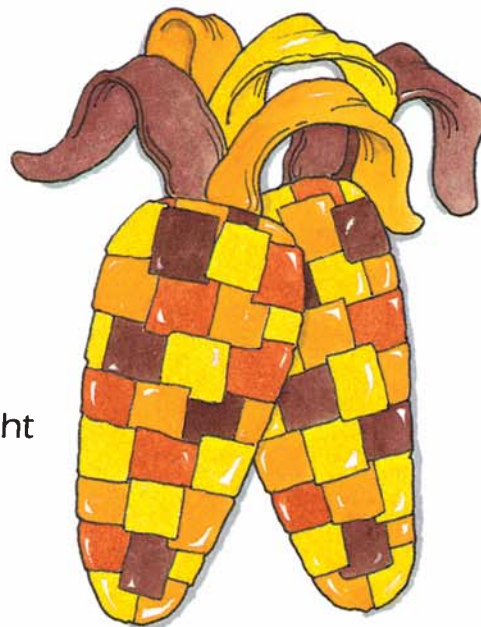
When the glue has dried completely, peel each ear off the plastic and trim it into the shape of an ear of corn. The glue will make the tissue shiny on one side. This will be the front of the corn.



Cut strips of tissue paper for corn husks and glue them to the top of each ear.



Tape your corn to a sunny window so the light can shine through the colored tissue kernels.

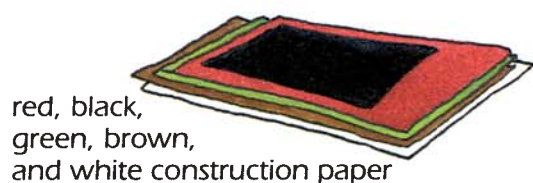




Kwanzaa Candles Card

The candleholder is called the **kinara**, and the seven candles are called the **mishumaa saba**. There is one black candle in the center, with three red candles on the left and three green candles on the right. The black candle is lit on the first day of Kwanzaa and another candle is added each day until all seven are lighted.

Here is what you need:



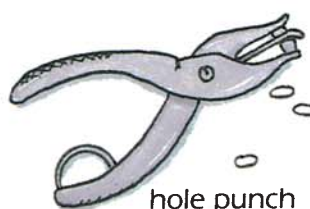
red, black, green, brown, and white construction paper



white glue



red yarn



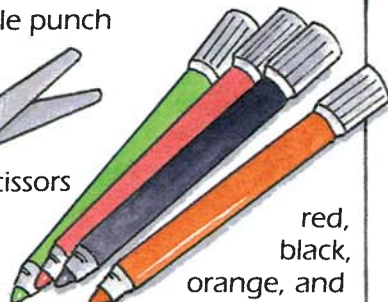
hole punch



2 hole reinforcements



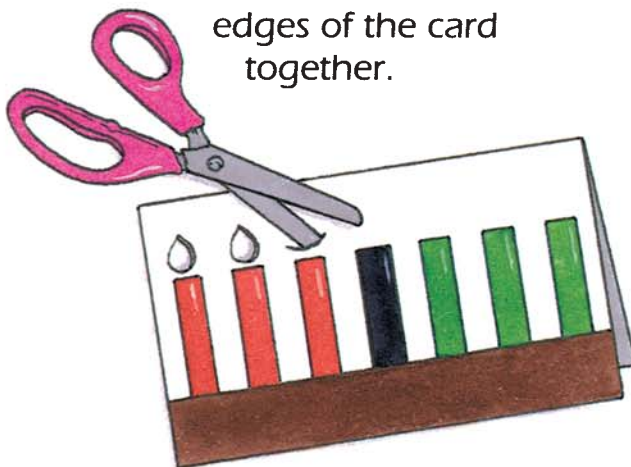
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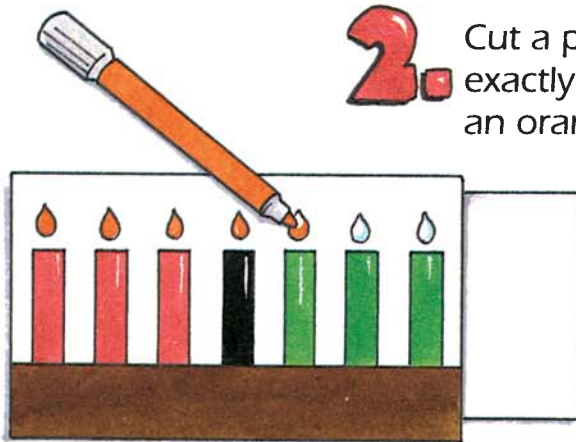


red, black, orange, and green markers

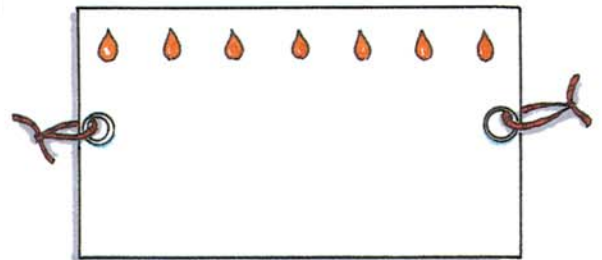
Here is what you do:

1. Fold a piece of white construction paper in half. Glue a strip of brown construction paper across the bottom (open) end for the candleholder. Cut three red candles, one black candle, and three green candles and glue them across the candleholder, slipping the bottoms of the candles under the brown paper. Cut a flame shape out of the paper at the top of each candle. Glue the bottom edges of the card together.

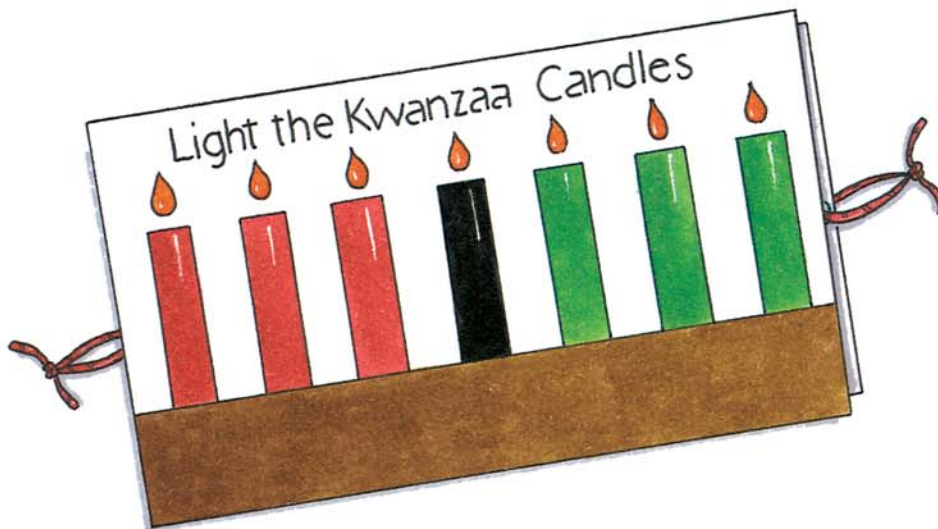




2. Cut a piece of white construction paper to exactly fit inside the card. Slide it in and use an orange marker to color in the candle flame holes at the top of each candle. When you move the paper to one side the flames should be hidden between the candles as though they were not lit.



3. Trim off as much extra paper on each side of the inner paper as you can. Punch a hole on each side of the inner paper, cover each hole with a hole reinforcer, and tie a loop of yarn through each hole so that the inner paper can be pulled back and forth to light or put out the candles.



Write "Light the Kwanzaa Candles" across the top of your card and your Kwanzaa greeting on the back.





Candle Gift Tag

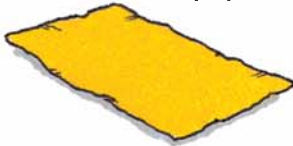
Here is what you need:



small slide-open
matchbox



black and green
construction paper



yellow
tissue paper



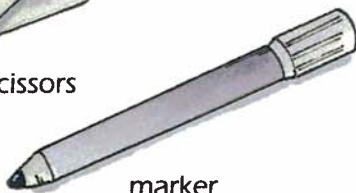
red yarn



white glue



scissors

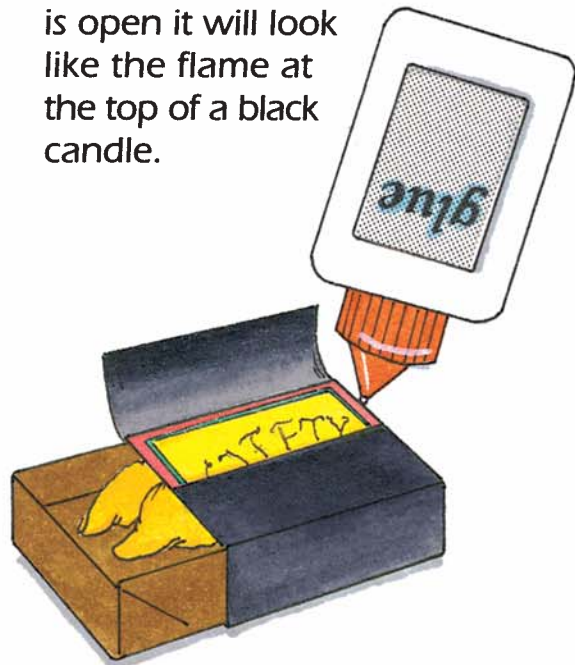


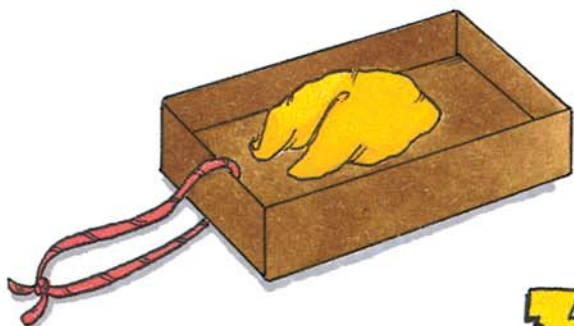
marker

Here is what you do:

1.

Cover the outside of the box with black paper. Slide the box open and glue some yellow tissue paper inside so that when the box is open it will look like the flame at the top of a black candle.

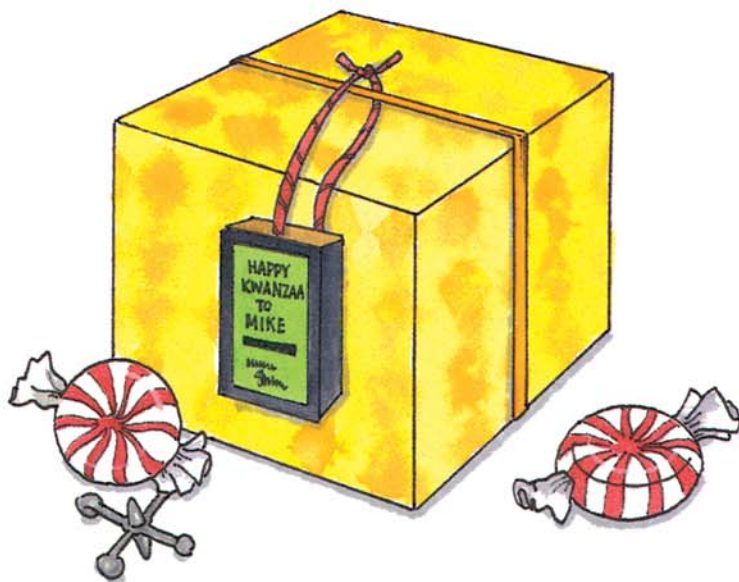


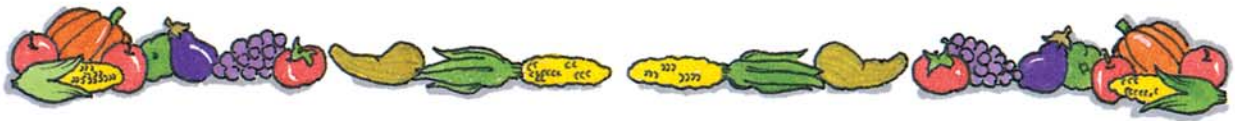


2. Poke a hole in the top of the inner box just above the flame. Tie a loop of red yarn through the hole so that you can pull the flame up.



3. Cut a small piece of green paper to glue on the front of the candle. Write "Happy Kwanzaa" and the name of the person you are giving the gift to. At the bottom of the tag write "pull to light candle." Close the box so that the flame is hidden inside and attach it to a gift.





Harvest Frame

At Kwanzaa time many people hang the **nguzo saba**, the seven principles of Kwanzaa, on the wall.

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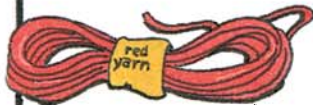
empty cereal box



green construction paper



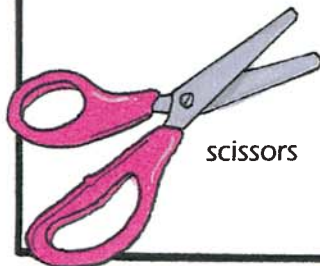
magazine or supermarket flyer pictures of fruits and vegetables



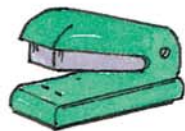
red yarn



white glue



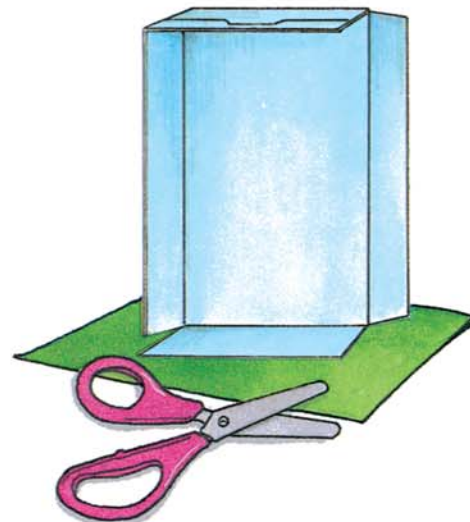
scissors



stapler

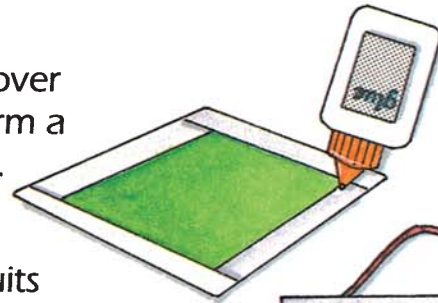
Here is what you do:

1. Open both ends of the cereal box and cut the back off. Trim the four flaps that remain around the box front to equal widths. Cut a sheet of green paper to fit over the colored picture on the cereal box front and glue it in place.





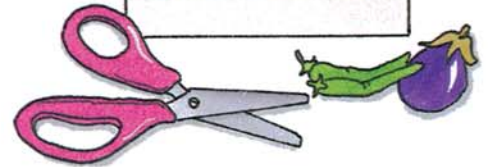
- 2.** Fold the four flaps in over the green paper to form a frame and glue them in place.



- 3.** Glue on pictures of fruits and vegetables to cover the frame. Staple a yarn hanger to the top of the frame.



- 4.** Write the **nguzo saba** inside the frame, or glue in a photograph or drawing of your Kwanzaa celebration.





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